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Charles LaFollette Speaks At AVC Banquet April 11

It has just been announced that Representative Charles M. LaFollette, Senatorial candidate for the Republican nomination will be the principal speaker at an AVC banquet to be held on April 11 in Indianapolis. The banquet will be held at the Lincoln Hotel and will be under the sponsorship of the State Council of The American Veterans Committee. A bi-partisan committee has been formed to promote the dinner and a total of 400 guests is anticipated. Mr. LaFollette will be introduced at the banquet by Mrs. William Stout, a former WAC Captain, and well known Indianapolis business woman. He will speak on the subject, "After All, the Veteran is a Citizen."

GETTING MR. LaFOLLETTE for their banquet speaker is considered to be quite an achievement by AVC since Mr. LaFollette is hairline deep in his plans to run for Senator from Indiana in the spot now occupied by Senator Willis.

He is also quite busy in Washington where his vigorous stand in the House has brought him reams of publicity as one of the outstanding liberals in the lower House. In addition, he has received much acclaim from correspondents who consider his progressive thinking to be of exceptional merit.

At this writing Mr. LaFollette has just returned to Washington from Florida where he was a Congressional representative on committee investigating the problem of atomic power under a world plan. Also on this committee were some of the outstanding scientists, educators, and businessmen in the country.

It is obvious that in presenting such a speaker, persons throughout the state will be interested in attending. AVC Chapters are urged to publicize the dinner, and tickets will be available at all chapter headquarters, and at State Headquarters, 305 Inland Building, Indianapolis. Purchase price will be \$5.00 per person, and reservations can be made by mail.

AVC Members Act For Vet Right at Indpls. Concern

Three members of AVC in Indianapolis were selected by the Electrical Workers Union to work out the re-employment and seniority rights of veterans at the gigantic RCA plant in the capitol city. This important action on behalf of the veterans was taken following. Several hundred returning GIs are employed in the radio parts concern in Indianapolis and this important action was taken after at least six veterans had been laid off within the past two weeks.

FIVE OUT of the six veterans had been out of service less than 60 days and all had been employees of the concern before they were inducted into service. Reason given for the layoff was a work shortage in this reconversion period.

AVC Holds Nation-wide Rallies Boosting Patman Bill In Effort to Arouse Senate to Return KO'd Portion

AVC is holding nation-wide rallies to carry the fight to the people on the issue of veterans' housing. In an eleventh hour request, national headquarters of The American Veterans Committee has asked that all chapters throughout the nation hold rallies during the week of March 18 to impress upon the Senate the importance of the provisions of the Wyatt Housing Bill. These provisions are the ones knocked out by a Republican-Southern Democrat coalition two weeks ago. They provide price ceilings on all present buildings, and offered subsidies to contractors to make a \$6,000 home possible for the returning veteran.

ALL WE NEED IS SOME RED PEPPER.....



"People who want war should only think a few minutes about the sacrifice Russia has made in the last five years—a loss of life and property so large we cannot conceive of it. A people who have suffered such a loss will not turn tail before any military force in the world today. But at the same time they will not go out and look for another war.

And neither will we. We have nothing to gain to start with. And we would have nothing left when it was all over."—GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER.

With Men Who Know War Best Its...

AVC Chapter in Tokyo Blasts Churchill Speech As Alliance Bid That Will Get Us Into Another War

The AVC voice of protest against action which could involve us in war stretched for 10,000 miles last week. The American Veterans Committee chapter, several hundred strong in Tokyo, Japan, sent a strongly worded protest to President Truman in response to Winston Churchill's speech in Fulton, Missouri. The former prime minister of Britain advocated an American-British alliance, and the members of AVC holding down the fort in Tokyo said, "such individual military alliances with other nations would not be in line with our world obligations."

THE AVC TELEGRAM went on to say, "what Mr. Churchill is proposing is a split of the world into two giant camps, each camp waging a deadly armament race that could end only in utter catastrophe."

The members of the committee, all AVC members are Bill Watson, Cliff Millspaugh, and John Hudson, chairman of Indianapolis Chapter No. 2.

The statement contended that asked, "what have we done to such an alliance would wreck the make Soviet Russia feel she can United Nations Organization and trust us?"

AVC DINNER

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The stand of Martin Lerner, State AVC chairman on the housing issue, which was carried prominently in the preceding issue of VET VOICE, received nation-wide attention last week. Thomas L. Stokes, nationally syndicated columnist, considered Mr. Lerner's forthright stand against our representatives, to be indicative of the earnestness with which the veteran views the housing question.

He cited "Vet Voice" blasts against responsible Republicans as an indication that they are not going to be content with the old way of doing things."

THESE ARE measures which are considered to be absolutely essential if Wilson Wyatt, housing expediter, is to be able to follow on his promise of 2,700,000 homes in two years in the greatest housing crisis in our nation's history.

By holding these demonstrations in every principal city while the Senate is in session on the (Continued on Page 2)

Michigan City Deluges Senators On Housing Action

The energetic Michigan City chapter of AVC deluged Senators Willis and Capehart with countless postcards and letters this week in an organized effort to save the important provisions of the Patman Bill which had been knocked out by the house coalition early in March.

Operating under the direction of Kenneth Young, chairman, approximately 700 pre addressed post cards were sent to AVC members and others known to be favorable to the provisions, and were inclosed with a form letter stressing the importance of the housing measures.

THE CARDS were then forwarded by the recipients with a personal appeal to the Indiana Senators. This measure was in addition to wires of a similar nature which had been sent the week before.

This effort was in connection with the national headquarters request for coordinated rallies to be held throughout the nation on March 18. It was a substitute measure after the rally did not pan out when the northern Indiana chapter was unable to secure the cooperation of other civic groups in Michigan City.

HOUSING SITUATION IN STATE EASES SLIGHTLY BUT REMAINS ACUTE

Gary

Vets Offered Homes for Purchase From Civic Groups at Non-Profit

The Gary Veterans Housing Corporation, a civic enterprise in Gary, Indiana, has put itself on record to do something to help the veteran get a home.

FORMING INTO a non-profit organization whose chief contribution was to put up the original dough, the members have contracted with the federal government to purchase a total of 199 homes to be located in Gary suburbs.

Every one of the houses will be set up on lots and sold to veterans.

This was the good news that was released last week to a city council room full of vets and their families.

The average cost of the 199 homes will be \$4110, and this cost will be adjusted on the basis of the size of the dwelling. This contrasts to the offer of a private contractor for a similar type of dwelling—for \$6900.

It might also be pointed out that the effort also contrasts with the job being done in Indianapolis, the state's largest city by far, where a total of 86 pre-fabs have been purchased as the city's effort on behalf of the veteran's home-buying campaign.

Rally

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bill AVC hopes senatorial interest will be sufficiently aroused to re-instate the provisions which were knocked out when real estate lobby "ear-jobs," and political pressure caused them to be cast out in the House.

CO-OPERATION with all other veteran's organizations and all civic groups has been solicited. The plan from national promised

Housing Acute?

Mr. and Mrs. David Huff, who had been living in the family car with their four children for a week, found temporary shelter in the county jail in Teaneck, N. J. this week.

The children were sent to the Bergen county children's home.

Mr. Huff, 29, said the house he had rented had been sold to a serviceman and he was unable to find another.

The children, who range in age from 18 months to nine years, had not changed their clothes nor had a bath in several days, Mrs. Huff said.

a personal telegram from Wyatt could be read at each meeting, and suggested parades, speakers of local importance, banners, radio broadcasts, and so forth—all designed to make this one of the greatest "tub-thumping" issues to be brought before the people in a long, long time.

And the cause was simple enough—just to get the veteran a home, that's all.

Indianapolis

Two Projects to Give Some Relief Soon to Critical Indianapolis Housing

A small, almost unnoticed trickle of sunlight broke through the cloudy housing picture in Indianapolis this week. The dope was that families of about 430 vets might have someplace to live in the near future in the capitol city. While this was good news, in reality it is little more than closet space to the estimated 20,000 veterans urgently needing housing in Indianapolis today. Rather, it accentuated

the need for passage of the Patman Bill in its original form, since the majority of the housing relief is of a temporary nature.

IT HAS JUST been announced that the contract has been let to begin the reconversion job on barracks at Stout Field to provide temporary housing for about 350 vets.

According to Phil Irwin, Jr., AVC member and veteran's representative on the city housing committee, the sewers are being put in at the moment and first converted apartment is slated to be ready for occupancy by April 1. Rental rates have not been announced as yet. The job is expected to be completed by July.

The second project is still in the brewing stage. City Attorney Henry Krug has been reported to be in Chicago completing arrangements with the Regional office of FHA for 86 prefabricated dwellings. These will be sold for about \$3,700 and will be made available through Home Registry service.

THE PURCHASE PRICE will include the cost of the lots, which are located near Washington Park on the northeast side of Indianapolis. Bulk of the homes will be the two bedroom variety, while some will consist of either one or three bedrooms.

Date of arrival has not been announced, but the line forms at Home Registry—directly behind this writer.

Laporte

Housing Available At Edge of Town For War Vets

Veterans and their families have been flocking from Laporte where the housing shortage is acute, to Kingsford Heights, where partially furnished units are still available for veterans.

TWO HUNDRED and forty-two of the 250 available units at the Heights are now occupied, according to Harry J. Schneider, manager of the Heights. Of the 242 families living there, 156 are those of veterans, Mr. Schneider said, and the proportion is growing larger almost daily.

The vast majority of the veterans are employed in Laporte, according to the manager. Moving away of units bought by cities and towns to alleviate housing shortages continues at the Heights.

THE HOUSING project was erected during the war by the U. S. public housing authority to house KOP workers.

Note To Congress

DEMOCRACY—GIVE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT

The Fortune Survey of Public Opinion showed in a poll last week that the people of the U. S. are hepped up on the desire for government action in the present housing crisis despite what might be indicated by the recent coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats in the House.

THE RESULTS: 81.3% of people want rent ceilings maintained.
63.3% want ceiling prices maintained on building materials.
75.6% want materials channeled into low-cost residential field by government action.
80.0% want government to embark on a large scale home-ownership program.
80.0% want government loans to individuals for low and medium priced housing.

HERE IS FORTUNE'S STATEMENT: "All these measures happen to be fairly close to recommendations announced by Wilson W. Wyatt AFTER THIS SURVEY WAS FINISHED. The people seem to be in the mood to put overwhelming political pressure behind legislation that would implement Mr. Wyatt's program."

AVC IS ON THE MOVE UP INDIANA!

AVC Gets Under Way In East Chicago

A charter application was forwarded from a group of veterans in East Chicago as a result of a meeting held on Thursday night, March 14.

Present to witness the birth of the new chapter and to give whatever assistance was necessary were Joseph Kutch, state vice-chairman; Bert Wechsler, Executive Council member from Gary, and Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Indiana State Council, AVC.

ARTHUR DARONATSY, University of Chicago graduate and East Chicago social worker, is chairman of the new group. His sister, Suzanne, a former woman Marine, is secretary. Other charter members include Alex Sarkisian, Dr. B. B. Cohen, James Dent, John Kleka, Peter Daronatsy, D. C. Ross, Mack James, Madison Williams and Alexander Arzumian.

The new chapter has placed Housing, OPA, and Fund Raising on their priority list in that order. The presence of a large Amvet chapter in East Chicago was discussed and it was decided to seek its co-operation in community affairs instead of creating an unhealthy rivalry.

The entire chapter has assumed the responsibility for increasing the membership which is expected to reach 50 in a very short time.

LaPorte Meeting Lays Groundwork For AVC Action

At a meeting held on Friday evening, March 15th, at the LaPorte, Indiana YMCA, nineteen vets of World War II discussed the formation of an AVC chapter. Invitations were issued by William Gillick, Jr., former member of Spokane Chapter who is now employed by the United States Employment Service in LaPorte.

"LaPorte needs an aggressive organization of returned soldiers who will work for Peace, Jobs, and Freedom" Mr. Gillick declared. "AVC is such an organization. I hope that all of you will join me in seeing to it that LaPorte joins the other Indiana cities already in the AVC fold."

THE RESPONSE to Mr. Gillick's appeal was immediate and almost unanimous. In a short time there should be a chapter application in the mails from LaPorte according to Arthur Zinkin, Jr., executive secretary who Gillick.

Mr. Zinkin reports that among those present was a former T/Sgt. WAC and her Pfc. husband, two men who had previously attended meetings of the Michigan City chapter, and a former sailor with 45 years service who said that the other outfits were too old for him, and two other veterans of both wars.

Hammond Vets See Need For AVC There

A group of veterans led by Len Schroeter, former combat correspondent with the 3rd Division, met Tuesday, March 19th, to formulate plans for an AVC chapter in Hammond.

With chapters in other cities of the Calumet area, the Hammond group is not to be outdone and Schroeter promises a lively bunch working in Hammond in the very near future.

THE NUCLEUS of the Hammond group is composed of veterans representing the major social and economic sections of the city. The steelworkers, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the newspapermen, and professional men have met on the common ground of the need to be Citizens First—Veterans Second.

The Executive Secretary, Arthur Zinkin, Jr., of the Indiana Council spent last Friday, March 15th in briefing Schroeter and his friends on the Indiana picture. "We've got some wonderful friends in Hammond among non-veterans as well as among the ex-GI group" he reports. "These friends are actively rounding up the most promising and alert people in the community to form an AVC chapter."

The Senate passed a bill authorizing \$250,000,000 for 100,000 veterans' housing units.

GI BUYS TROLLEY FOR NEW HOME



"I CAN HANG some gingham curtains here," is what Mrs. Elsie Nykolen is probably saying to her husband, James, an ex-GI, as they look out the rear window of their future home—an old street car which they bought from the city of Chicago to convert into a small home. Chicago hopes to sell more trolley cars to alleviate housing shortage.

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EMPLOYMENT PICTURE DARKENS AS MORE RETURN

WOUNDED VETS BOWL WHILE RECUPERATING



RED CROSS WORKERS help a group of wounded veterans enjoy their favorite form of recreation at a Los Angeles bowling alley. On the left, Red Cross worker Mrs. Lucille Carey hands the ball to Sgt. Paul Jackson. In center, Sgt. Robert Abajian waits his turn as Capt. L. J. Sheaffer stands behind him. At the right, Mrs. Marion Lee steadies the chair of Pvt. George Rodriguez as he sends a fast one rolling down the alley.

Over Million Vets Unemployed But Picture to Brighten Soon

Figures just released by the readjustment allowance in Washington show that there are 1,250,000 veterans unemployed at the moment. The figure is still rising according to charts in the

Washington headquarters, and by early April the figure is expected to climb another 300,000 but the figure is expected to begin the downward slope in early summer.

There were no figures available as to just how many veterans had been laid off due to work shortages, or to labor-industry disputes regarding seniority rights and other controversial measures of the selective service job provisions, but the number was not substantial at the moment.

But with tension rising in this regard, the figures can be expected to be more significant in the near future.

REGARDING JOBLESS payments, the picture is far more encouraging since only 10,000 vets have drawn all the \$20 a week unemployment benefits to which they are entitled under the GI bill provision of 52 weeks compensation.

To date there has been an estimated 9 million men discharged, with about one-third of them being on unemployed roles at one time or another, since discharge.

Bloomington Acts On Vet Problem Of Employment

At a meeting held last Tuesday night in Bloomington, it was found that employment of veterans was one of the major problems to be faced.

Although actual figures were not made available, Merritt Calvert, president of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested that a meeting of Bloomington employers be called immediately to work out a plan for the re-employment of service men.

THE MEETING was held at Chamber of Commerce offices for the purpose of investigating the services and rights to which service men are entitled and to see if the returning veteran's problems are being handled properly.

Members of veterans' service centers, labor leaders, and Selective Service authorities were present at the preliminary meeting, in addition to big-wigs in the Chamber of Commerce.

State USES Requests Employers To Aid Vet By Listing All Jobs

Fred K. Myles, Assistant State Veterans Employment Representative of the Veterans Employment Service, this week joined John K. Jennings, State Director of the United States Employment Service, in making an appeal to employers to cooperate by listing all job openings with local USES offices.

This was asked so that returning veterans can be considered for existing job opportunities and not just a portion of them.

ACCORDING to the Indiana Employment Security Division, 54,300 veterans are now drawing servicemen's readjustment allowances in the state. Myles and Jennings warned that this figure may greatly increase unless employers make available large numbers of suitable jobs which veterans can accept.

"IN URGING cooperation in the employment of veterans, no special patriotic appeal is needed," Myles said. "In the coming months veterans will constitute the major portion of the available labor force. Certainly within their ranks is most of the 'cream' of the labor crop. Veterans are back or are coming back soon. They did their job. Peace without the certain opportunity for gainful and useful employment would be an empty peace for them."

Quimby Is Retained Bloomington Head

Chairmanship of the Bloomington AVC chapter was recently taken over by Robert J. Quimby. Others elected to serve as officers of the Chapter for the coming year and their respective positions are as follows: Lennie Wexler, Vice-Chairman; Jack Schone, Treasurer; Joe Marshall, Secretary; Bob de Frantz, Sergeant-at-Arms; Richard Snyder, Publicity Director, and Victor R. Barnard, Corresponding Secretary.

Army Reports It Has Raised Volunteer Force of 600,017

WASHINGTON—The Army reported today it has raised in five months a volunteer force of 600,017—largest of its kind in the nation's history.

This force is the nucleus of a projected peacetime regular army of 1,500,000—a goal set for July 1.

NOVEMBER was the peak month for enlistments with 183,000 men volunteering. Since, monthly totals have declined gradually, to 93,874 in February.

A breakdown shows that 67.07 percent of those enlisting served

February Business Down in State With Steel Dispute Given as Cause

The general reconversion expansion in Indiana manufacturing employment that was noted in the three previous months was temporarily halted in the period from mid-January to mid-February by the industry-wide steel strike, Noble R. Shaw, Indiana Employment Security Division director, reported this week.

Veterans Aided By War on Monopolies

Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge Saturday pledged the government to a renewed war on monopolies so that veterans will have a fair chance to set themselves up in business. Mr. Berge, who heads the justice department's anti-trust division, outlined a program before the Cleveland City Club.

February factory employment in Indiana, estimated at 338,849 production workers, was 1.3 per cent lower than in mid-January while corresponding weekly pay roll estimates of \$14,000,564 were down 4.2 per cent.

COMPARED to a year ago, employment in the state was down 28.7 per cent and weekly pay rolls were down 38.8 per cent, Mr. Shaw said.

The February loss in employment undoubtedly will be regained rapidly following the settlement of the steel strike in late February.

General expansion in factory employment will continue because a tremendous pent-up demand for consumer goods accumulated during the long draught on nonessential production during the war and during the retardation of reconversion of industry due to the strikes.

Stripping on Log



THERE'S NO TRICK to taking off your clothes. But try doing it while rolling a log as Marietta Terrill is doing here at the Outdoors Show in Philadelphia's Convention Hall. Marietta does a neat, if modified strip tease, while balancing on the slippery log.

REGISTER-IF YOU WANT TO VOTE

Veterans of World War II were warned this week that, if they were discharged from military service before Dec. 1, they will not be eligible to cast ballots in the May 7 primary elections unless they register before April 8.

Under a 1945 law, registrations among servicemen and women for voting absentee ballots are good only six months after their discharge.

Veterans who were discharged after Dec. 1 will not have to reregister to vote in the primary election but will have to register for the November general election.

David Clapper, member of the voters' registration commission, said that all war veterans should re-register at the first opportunity regardless of when they were discharged or they may be turned away at the polls in November.

Michigan City Tops 100 Mark In Membership Drive

In conjunction with National membership drive the Michigan City Chapter passed the first milestone last week when they signed up the 100th member. It is believed that this is also the top total for membership in the state.

The membership drive will continue unchecked at least until National Convention time when a goal of 300 members is hoped for by Gregory Ross, chairman of the Michigan City membership committee.

With its membership increasing so rapidly and attendance at meetings hitting an all time high it will be necessary for the chapter to look for a larger meeting place.

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AN EDITORIAL

Business Interests Retard VA Service to Veteran

The Veteran's Administration is in dire need of a place to live in Indiana. At present, the small contact division is located in the Old Trails Building in Indianapolis with the balance of the personnel located on the outskirts of town at several locations.

Such a dispersal of troops might be good military tactics but it definitely does not apply when efficient business methods are URGENTLY NEEDED.

VA officials tried recently to do something about the situation by seeking to acquire the Century Building, a large, centrally located, office building in downtown Indianapolis.

A storm of protest poured from every cranny and crevice of the office building, and the holler that was raised drifted straight to Washington in the form of an organized protest. The 64 firms, large and small, that would have to move, protested to Louis Ludlow, Democrat Representative of the District.

Mr. Ludlow has listened to those cries—and listened well—because his reply has been this: That present residents of the Century Building should sit tight; that temporary units could be constructed for VA; and that a long range plan is needed whereby a permanent structure could be constructed at a later date to handle the peak of the hospital business expected in about thirty years.

WE FEEL MR. LUDLOW IS WRONG. With such an outlook, he is placing the in-

terests of 54 firms above that of a half million Hoosier war veterans. They are filing daily at a rate that VA will have to exert every energy if it is to keep pace. Most of the claims for loans, educational provisions, and job rights will occur in this readjustment period of the NEXT TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.

That will entail great efficiency, a plan and a convenient office pattern that cannot tolerate muddling. Each office must be conveniently located to the other so their activities can dovetail, and the results can be measured in quick, successful action. The present set-up will not accomplish this. A building such as the Century Building is definitely needed—and urgently.

How well it is handled can very easily effect a vast majority of the families of Indiana since in almost every home there is a direct, or indirect, connection with a war veteran.

With such far reaching consequences it would be disastrous if the veteran were to receive improper handling in receiving the readjustment service which is so vital in making him a useful segment of the community to which he is returning.

It would be a travesty of the rankest type if the SELF-CENTERED INTERESTS of a few business establishments were catered to, and the veteran had to be the one to take it in the neck because of the resultant snafu.



War Veterans Have Serious Outlook

IT'S OUR BUSINESS to know something of the viewpoint of the veterans of this war in order to appreciate the impact of their opinions on development of public policy.

In the first place, those who served in the armed forces are not "boys" . . . they are the men who answered their country's call in its time of deepest need.

Regardless of whether they saw overseas service, they have matured greatly in the time they have been away from home. They have seen suffering, and want, and economic upheaval incomprehensible to those who have not seen them.

And they have become thoroughly sold on the type of democracy and Americanism that means TOLERANCE, PROGRESS AND EFFICIENCY. They cannot doubt their country's material advantages, but they will demand that we meet our superiority of power with superiority of leadership.

THE MAN returning to civil life often cannot understand the labor-management warfare, and the inability to work together in winning the peace that was demonstrated in winning the war.

He cannot understand why he can't buy a suit, or a shirt, or a pair of shoes when it is obvious we have raw material and the manufacturing and distributing machinery. He cannot understand why the housing problem should be a problem that the ingenuity of American business cannot solve.

He is not a professional veteran . . . he is FIRST OF ALL A CITIZEN. And he probably won't be much impressed by those who seek his influence with promises of benevolence and special privileges, because he has seen what special privilege has done in other countries. He will demand adequate care for those who were rendered unable to take care of themselves by war. . . . BUT I DOUBT THAT IN THE MASS HE WILL FAVOR A BONUS PROPOSAL. While he won't look with favor on memorials and monuments, he won't favor treasury raids. The G. I. bill of rights is generally regarded as generous and adequate . . . although it is hard to understand why there is so much red tape in its execution.

BECAUSE the veteran will have the balance of political power, he will be wooed by every politician. But he will be hard-headed in his analysis of the honeyed words in which his vote is sought. There are a tremendous number of men who were not of voting age when they joined the army . . . and they have not yet made up their minds along party lines. They will judge on factual performance, not words.

I believe, too, that the average veteran with overseas service has returned or will return with an even deeper faith in his country's mission as the principal advocate of democracy, of a square deal for the little people of the world.

He may or may not believe in universal military training, but he will favor the United Nations Organization . . . effectively supported by force . . . as the instrument to enforce a peace that he knows cannot come without such a world organization with power to enforce its decrees.

He will look with skepticism on those who say "Our next war will be with Russia" because he believes that those who were allies in this war have paid with lives and dollars for the peace they have won . . . the bitter losses will not be faced again by any intelligent nation.

He is an American, yes, and that ahead of everything else. But he is NOT AN ISOLATIONIST . . . he knows that our future is entwined with that of the rest of the world. And he will really believe in tolerance and the preservation of the rights of minority groups.

Yes, he will be a sober citizen . . . often a skeptic . . . but his thinking will have a new idealism that was not evident on a broad scale before the war. He will bring a practical freshness to our national life that will revive Americanism in the truest sense of the word.—Don Hoover, conductor of column "It's Our Business."

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Democrats and PAC On Wrong Track to Help Vet

Everyone wants to do something for veterans—they say. The Democratic Party and the PAC have overstepped themselves in their eagerness to befriend veterans in recent action.

In the last session of the Indiana Legislature they sponsored three separate bills to grant bonuses of varying amounts to Indiana Veterans.

We understand they plan to re-introduce legislation of this type in the next session. We think they will be making a mistake if they carry through on their plans.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH A BONUS?

1. It solves no problem. If the veterans have housing, employment and health problems, they cannot be solved with a few hundred dollars. The problems that affect the veteran are equally painful to the farmer, the student, the doctor and the small business man. A full employment program—a real housing program—a real health program, will do more than any bonus dreamed up.

2. It smacks of a handout to the less fortunate. Very few able bodied veterans regard themselves in this light. Most ex-GI's of our acquaintance feel that they did a job that had to be done and deserve only an equal opportunity to achieve security and dignity in a world at peace.

If the Democratic Party and the CIO—PAC want to put a little extra cash in ex-GI pockets we suggest they get behind a proposal to pay discharged enlisted men for terminal furlough on the same basis as officers receive terminal leave pay.

This needed change in present regulations would equalize the treatment given all servicemen.

Maybe twenty years from now we may feel differently about a bonus—we hope not.

If we do, it will be because both political parties—all labor organizations, and all veterans—have failed miserably to tackle the problem of peace and to discharge their obligations as citizens.

Army Speaks For Itself In Dismissing GI Writers

Two members of the Tokyo edition of The Stars and Stripes were recently reprimanded and reassigned for using the columns of the paper to criticize conditions they didn't like in the U. S. Army—and the officer caste system—existing in the occupation forces in Japan.

After this action seven more members of the staff asked to be reassigned for what they considered to be unfair action.

Specifically, we cannot say what the information was that was considered to be so important that it warranted the dismissal of the two Army writers.

We only know that they were charged with being Communists—charges which were completely denied by one, while the other member said that he had resigned from the party long before he entered service. AT LEAST THE ARMY COULD NOT MAKE THE CHARGES STICK AGAINST THE MEN.

But we do know that the statement issued by Brigadier General Charles T. Lanham, head of the Army's Information and Education Section spoke for itself, and clearly indicated a lack of logic, and the consistent reasoning of the reactionary. We quote Gen. Lanham on his reason for the dismissal.

"A reporter on the Hearst papers is not at liberty to attack Mr. Hearst or the Hearst policy. If he does, first, it doesn't get in the papers, and second, he is fired. Why then, should the staff of a soldier publication feel that it is entitled to attack the War Department?"

Could it be, General, that the boys feel that they happen to be stock holders in their own War Department?

st Voice:

Mr. Stephen Noland, Editor of The Indianapolis News, Gives Advice to Young Men About South American Opportunities

Mr. Noland has just returned from a recent 16,000-mile tour of Latin America in interest of improved trade and political relations between the United States and its neighbors south of the border, it was pointed out repeatedly that if trade and understanding are to be improved, young Americans must prepare themselves for Latin-American careers and make up their minds to stick it out.

LATIN-AMERICANS prefer nearly all kinds of American goods. Their admiration for American industries is unbounded. Their preference for American automobiles is so strong that practically all their cars are of American make.

They also prefer American electrically operated machine tools, household appliances and office equipment. They have adopted American road-building methods. Their airlines are operated according to American standards.

Having been cut off from Europe by about five years of war, they are ready to turn to the United States for power plants and other heavy machinery. They believe that in the future they will stand a better chance of getting repair parts and new equipment.

So there is no question about there being a rich market for postwar American products. But there is a question about the United States having the

ability to merchandise this export business. And that is where the young American comes in.

To make the most of this potentially rich market, the young American must make up his mind that he can not clean up on a get-rich-quick deal. He must meet the competition of the young men of other countries, notably Great Britain.

THE BRITISH go after this market by sending young men to the chief Latin-American cities to make a life career of fitting their exports to the market, and to building confidence in British goods.

Backing the British trade missionaries is a government-sponsored credit insurance corporation. The British exporter is liberal in his credit terms, but if he is in doubt he applies for credit insurance and gets a report from the government agency. If the report is favorable, but still beyond his capacity, he takes out the insurance, discounts the bill, gets his money and lets the government worry about collection. This plan works so well that losses are less than one per cent.

Many British families bring their sons up in this trade. The boys go to school with the local boys who in time will become their customers. Thus a good many of Britain's sales in Latin-America were started years ago when seller and buyer were booting a soccer ball around a school playground. That is stiff competition, but it is not too stiff for the young American who will meet it head-on.

The Latin-American customer is, after all, a good businessman. He knows that if he does not take care of his trade in the face of the competition

of a better product and better service, he will not survive. He is always willing to try American products, and, as the export figures show, he becomes a buyer when the American presents a better product at a right price.

In an effort to persuade young Americans to pay the price of success in Latin-America, many American exporters have set up very attractive inducements to those who can qualify. Young Americans are not driven by lack of opportunity to seek fame and fortune in a foreign land. But they are challenged by the prospect of travel, of gaining new experiences, of becoming men of the world.

SO WHEN IT COMES to going south of the border for a career the young man must be willing to battle through the lean years and hold on. He will only lose ground at home by being away for a few years and having to come back to a late start if he fails.

Young men who wish to investigate should consult such publications as the Pan American Year Book. They should communicate with American commercial attaches in the capitals.

And, if still bent on taking the plunge, they should prepare themselves to meet the requirements of the many American firms, which they will find listed in the Pan American Year Book.

This advice is gleaned from personal interviews with many Americans who find life satisfactory in Latin America and with official United States commercial attaches who have been on the job long enough to know their stuff.

About Washington

Through the Eyes of Senator Waldorf Grouse

I'm alarmed about the Russian situation. Ever since my friend Vandy came back from London a few weeks ago and tossed off a chip-on-the-shoulder speech, it has begun to look more and more like war to Grouse.

So your faithful Senator Grouse stood up on the Senate floor and read Vandenberg. Unfortun-

ately the speech was made on January 29th, a date which the star makers carelessly omitted, so you will not find the speech in the Congressional Record. Anyhow, this is what I said:

My friends and colleagues, I have been forced to wonder recently during debates on foreign policy whether this is the United States Senate or the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. Most of what we say and hear deals with the Russians.

our concern with foreign meddling anywhere in the Western Hemisphere, which means that lands as much as 5,000 miles from our own borders were important to us for our own security.

"McKinley and Roosevelt saw fit to appropriate Spanish territories near our borders and as far away as the Philippines. During that period we were feeling our oats and declaring our intention of becoming a major world power.

"Today it is Russia who is feeling her oats. She is also worried about her security, a concern which is not quite so foolish as some of my colleagues have inferred. We have always denounced and feared Communism. In our denunciations and fears we have often expressed a bel-

ligerency which could not have but caused concern in Russia.

"An American foreign policy, then, must reckon with the very real fears plaguing Russia.

"**WE MUST COME** to an agreement with Russia about the boundaries of her security sphere, and then let Russia work out her security program within those boundaries.

"Oh yes, there is an alternative, but we have already expressed our unwillingness to consider it. The alternative is to scrap our own regional security sphere and insist that other nations do the same, and submit to world law.

"**Until we are that far-sighted, we must formulate an American foreign policy, aware that the policies of other nations differ from our own; and we, as the strongest nation on earth, must take leadership in refusing all of the varying foreign policies into one workable system of peace.**"

Letters to The Editor

Against Republicans?

Gentlemen:

First of all, I'm not a veteran, so maybe I'm poking my nose in where it does not belong. But since my son is a member of the armed forces in Japan, I have been following the activities of all veterans' groups with great interest—yours in particular, since it seems to be quite active.

HOWEVER, I'm a Republican and I certainly resent the all-out attack you leveled against the Republican party in your last issue regarding the housing issue.

While I don't proclaim to be an authority, and have not been following the housing battle too closely, I think you boys are definitely wrong in lining yourselves up with one political party. It's dangerous to the welfare of your organization.

Sincerely,

C. W.

Muncie, Indiana

(Ed Note: We are not aligned with either party. We are concerned only with issues—not personalities or political parties. For a tip as to action we will take in the future, we suggest you read our statement of intentions printed elsewhere in this issue.)

The Sedition Trials

Dear Ed:

While we are concerning our-

selves with the realities of our own particular lives, such as housing, clothing, etc., I think that we may have overlooked a dangerous condition that has been lagging since the beginning of the war. It is paradoxical that we are able to deal swiftly with the Yamashotas, and the Hommas in the countries that we conquered, but we are unable to arrive at a verdict for our native Fascists.

THERE IS no doubt that the Justice Department has sufficient evidence to convict these admitted American Fascists of the sedition of which they are accused.

It does appear that instead of trying to get convictions on a mass basis, it would be much more feasible to try these people individually, limiting the presentation of the evidence to the individual concerned.

It is my suggestion that the State Council adopt a resolution to be presented to the national convention in June requesting the support of the convention for the demand that the seditionists be brought to trial. I would also suggest that the State Council wire the Attorney General setting forth our demands that these trials be resumed.

Sincerely,

Irwin Katz

Camp Atterbury

200-YEAR-OLD TRADITION--POOF!



FOR TWO CENTURIES the hallowed halls of Princeton university have known naught but the masculine student—but today there comes a change. First an atomic age explodes itself into being, and second only to the new era for residents of Princeton, N. J., is the sight above—women on the university campus. GI brides are coming to join their studious husbands, and for the first time the lady fairs are taking up residence on the venerable campus. At the left above are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bernabel, Trenton, N. J., while at the right are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Scarsdale, N. Y. In the rear are carefree bachelor classmates, John M. Kirmil, Methuen, Mass., and Frederick H. Bradford, Rockford, Ill. (International)

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SECRET BALLOT OF REPRESENTATIVES LISTS THOSE AGAINST PATMAN PROVISIO

An incomplete list of those who voted against the subsidy provision of the Patman Bill in the House is given below. The vote was scheduled to be "secret" but a volunteer group of correspondents in the press gallery undertook to record the votes by the legislators as they marched down the aisle. Many others absented themselves, and by not voting for the measure, also weakened support for the bill. The premium payments provided for in the original bill would have made low cost housing possible for the veteran.

Democrats	Republicans
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May (Ky.)	Rogers (Mass.)
Mills (Ark.)	Scrivner (Kans.)
Murray (Tenn.)	Short (Mo.)
Pace (Ga.)	Smith (O.)
Page (Tex.)	Springer (Ind.)
Riley (S. C.)	Stockman (Ore.)
Roe (Md.)	Sumner (Ill.)
Russell (Tex.)	Taber (N. Y.)
Slaughter (Mo.)	Thomas (N. J.)
Smith (Va.)	Vorys (O.)
Sumners (Tex.)	Vursell (Ill.)
Tarver (Ga.)	Wigglesworth (Mass.)
Vinson (Ga.)	Winter (Kans.)
Whitten (Miss.)	Wolcott (Mich.)
Whittington (Miss.)	Woodruff (Mich.)

Platter C

This issue of Vet Voice brings forth the cream of the new record releases in a new column devoted to music.

THE TREND in "pop" music has swung over to small combos, but, as usual, **COUNT BASIE** and his aggregation have come up with two fine recordings. Jimmy Rushing leads the way on "Jimmy's Blues"—COL. 36831—and back seat drives the band on "Patience and Fortitude"—COL. 36946.

Basie still has his fine rhythm section and they provide that terrific drive that has kept the Count right up at the top for these many years.

In the combo department, **EDDIE CONDON** takes the honors. He has gathered some of the more righteous jazz men around him and has come out with a terrific rendition of "When Your Lover Has Gone"—DECCA 23393. Jack Teagarden and Bobby Hackett are featured. It's the best thing we've heard in many a hash mark.

Mention of **MAURICE ROCCO'S** trio should not be held off any longer. Very nice piano work and with Cozy Cole and Billy Taylor in there, you can't go wrong. We suggest trying "Shade of the Old Apple Tree"—GUILD 635-145—as a starter. If it affects you like it did us, you can go on from there. He has made a lot of sides with nary a lemon.

Swinging over to the other side of the tracks, we ran across a four-star **TO IN F** Music by C. vant; orches. Symphony of N. tor, Kostelanetz. percussive, lyric rhythmic, and anyth can be put in one cor out losing taste. But a it's refreshing, original, a ways fascinating.

WELL, there they are for week. Next issue we'll have mo of the top tunes being released and also a few tips on collectors' items for you people who have money enough to indulge in that sort of thing.—D.W.

Fund Raising In Chap. 2 By Party

In its first attempt at fund raising, the recently formed Indianapolis Chapter No. 2 will hold a card party on March 22 at its new headquarters in Fountain Square Building.

Earl Allen, chairman for the affair, expects to fill at least 50 tables. Others serving on the committee are Art Brummett and Bill Watson.

President Truman told a news conference that the Army and Navy have discharged more than 7,500,000 persons since last October. The total last August was only about 500,000.

HONEYMOON HOUSE FREE TO VETS



FIRST TO USE the honeymoon cottage at Danville, Ill., which an anonymous benefactor is offering free for three days to any veteran, are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fenent, who were married in February, 1943, but never had a chance for a honeymoon. Unable to buy or rent a house, they've been living with Mrs. Fenent's parents since Paul's discharge. The couple is shown planning their first meal in the cottage's modern furnished kitchen.

National Wants Military Stripped Of Control Over Atomic Power

If the National Planning Committee of AVC has its way, the tight restrictive grip the Army has on atomic control will be broken. The Committee has come out in complete approval for the McMahon Bill which provides control of the atomic bomb be vested in a military board, subservient to a civilian commission.

In an open letter to all field secretaries, the committee has urged that all AVC chapters make a similar stand, and that they indicate their support by telegrams and similar messages to the Senate atomic control committee.

THE BILL is presently in committee and is slated to be brought out for discussion within the next few days, if favorable action is received from committee members. However, strong committee sentiment has been reported to favor army and navy representation on the control committee.

AVC headquarters is basing its stand in favor of the McMahon Bill because it provides for stimulation of research and development of atomic energy for the benefit of mankind, instead of being channeled into a weapon of war.

THEY FEEL that Army, control of the weapon would result in a restrictive program which would keep atomic energy a deep, dark secret that would keep from the world all the scientific possibilities unfolded by atomic discovery.

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BATTLE REPORT

War & Rinehart — \$3.50 each) sometimes you can keep people from talking unkindly about you simply by doing all the gabbing yourself. It has been done in high places, too.

THIS IS NOT INTENDED as a criticism of the Navy Department. The conduct of the Naval war from the disaster at Pearl Harbor to the final riding at anchor in Tokyo Bay will be the subject of innumerable volumes — histories that run from outright castigation to adulatory praise. None will tell the whole truth.

It was probably with this in mind that some bright gentleman in the Navy Department started the "Battle Report" series back in 1944.

The Secretary and the admirals knew what there would have to be public explanations of official acts and official strategy and they decided to beat outsiders to the punch.

"THE ATLANTIC WAR" is the second in the series, and it covers the period of the Neutrality Patrol to the crossing of the Rhine. Volume I detailed our Naval action from Pearl Harbor to the Coral Sea engagements.

Walter Karig, Welbourn Kelley, Earl Burton, and Stephen L. Freeland (all Naval officers) were picked by the Navy Department to compile the semi-official record.

All were men with newspaper experience. By and large they have done a good job of reporting a good many unpleasant facts, yet turning out a balance sheet that does credit to the Navy Department.

Almost everyone has more than

a smattering of the facts. The newspapers and radio saw to that, almost deluging the public with a welter of daily reports from each theater of war.

But seeing it altogether for the first time makes one realize that without such histories as this the facts are almost meaningless.

THE FIRST and most important conclusion to be drawn from the pictures and text of the first two volumes of "Battle Report" is that on the morning of December 7, 1941, we had almost lost the war. The Fleet was simply decimated and it does not seem possible at this juncture that anything short of a miracle could have prevented that disaster.

It appears, too, that all of our Pacific island bases could at that point have been easily overwhelmed. Why the Japanese failed to exploit their victory will remain a baffling question forever.

For it was not until we were on our knees in the Pacific that we finally awoke to the realities of war. It was not until we had been beaten unmercifully that we showed any disposition and talent for realistic fighting.

The recent publication of Churchill's secret speeches to the House of Commons confirms this. We were down to small change, and it was only the timidity and lack of imagination on the part of the enemy that saved us.

And yet we muddled through. Somehow the creaking machinery of the Navy Department went on and the men and weapons required.

MANY OF THESE things are already forgotten. "Battle Report" is a refresher course in reality.

Statement Of Intentions

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:

Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war.

Establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.

Grant Files For South Bend Race

Robert A. Grant, one of the men who voted against the essential provisions of the Patman Housing Bill three weeks ago, filed for renomination on the Republican ticket for the House of Representatives last week. He represents the South Bend district, and if nominated he will be running for his fifth term.

Upon filing his candidacy for the May primary Mr. Grant said: "My platform in this campaign is that same set of principles which has guided me during my seven years in congress—fundamental Americanism. We will continue to fight to preserve free, representative government."

Just how well Mr. Grant has represented people of his district is shown in his recorded vote on important measures in columns to the right.

GOOD OR BAD—Here's His Record On Some Vital Issues

FOR
Dies Committee Extension — 1942
Anti-Poll Tax Bill — 1943
Opposing \$25,000 limit on salaries — 1943
Reduced funds for OPA enforcement — 1943
Case Anti-Labor Bill — 1946

AGAINST
Guam Naval Base — 1939
Conscription Act — 1939
Lend-Lease — 1939
Draft Extension — 1941
Roll Call on soldier votes — 1944
Patman Housing Bill for subsidies and price ceiling on present houses — 1946

Do you remember how we dug the Nazis out of the icebound islands of the North Atlantic; how we hunted modern submarines with 110-foot chips of wood that (under orders) splintered themselves in ramming actions; the experimental amphibious monsters that were wholly unproved when they made their first landing in North Africa; the potentially dangerous French fleet that couldn't make up its mind and held the balance of power for so many months?

Whew!

PRETTY MUCH the whole story is in "Battle Report" — a sorry and yet an inspiring one. The set is a must for the men who went down to the sea in ships and, in spite of some of the things left unsaid, it will ably serve to keep a major part of the record straight—LARRY HILL.

Constitution Aids New Officers In Michigan City

Continuing its spirit of cooperation the Michigan City AVC chapter read and passed its official constitution at a single meeting on February 28th. The constitution consisted of eight typewritten pages and was the work of Kenneth Young, chapter chairman and Burton Ruby, state treasurer.

The constitution called for the election of officers for the April 11th meeting and Chairman Kenneth Young appointed the following members to the nominating committee: Burton Ruby, W. G. Dabbert, William Priebe, Howard Wolfe and Clarence Downs. Mr. Young will serve on the committee in an ex officio capacity.

The nominating committee will pick a slate of two members for each office and will present it to the members at the March 28 meeting at which time floor nominations will also be accepted. Ballots will then be dispatched to all active members and at the April 11th meeting the new officers will be named.

BRIDES HAVE FINAL FLING IN PARIS



THE LAST TIME THEY SAW PARIS the French war brides of GIs made the rounds of the cafes and here Corp. Joe Kneer, San Mateo, Cal., with his French wife (at left) watch a floor show girl model the sort of bathing suits to be worn this summer on the Riviera. But wait until they see the new diaper suits on the beaches of the U. S. A.

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AND WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT BUTTER?—The frets and cares of tightening a nation's belt are blotted out instantly by feasting your eyes on lovely Rita Hayworth above—and why not? Hasn't she been named by the Society of Illustrators, a group of leading American beauty experts, as the most seductive woman of all these United States?

Finding Place to Live Proving Tough Job for VA Although Welfare of Vets Depends on It

(Editorial Page 4)

The Veterans' Administration is facing an acute housing shortage all its own in Indiana as it

to be the Century Building, a modern, downtown office building, containing over 125,000 sq. ft. of space. It is estimated that it will need to operate efficiently.

The 64 business establishments presently located in the building have voiced a vigorous protest with Louis Ludlow, House Democrat in Washington, as well as Senator Capehart and Willis, in an eleventh hour attempt to stave off the possible eviction.

LUDLOW APPEARED to be yielding to the pressure as he suggested a compromise measure

whereby temporary units could be constructed at some "downtown location," and a permanent building "built later." Mr. Ludlow based his plan on the belief that long range planning was in order because the peak of hospitalization is not expected until 1975.

VA officials, however, have pointed out that the next two years are really critical years and that the entire success of their program depends largely on how well they handle the immediate problems.

THEY ARE said to feel that present facilities in the crowded Old Trails Building are definitely not adequate to do a decent job even on the limited amount of business being conducted to date.

This building houses only a small portion of the VA facilities, the balance being located on the outskirts of town. A move into a centralized location, VA officials have said, will bring about more co-ordination and efficiency of the entire Indiana operation, and is deemed a necessity if VA is to carry out its assigned mission in Indiana.

skirts of town, but are to be brought under one roof as soon as adequate office space can be found.

VA Employee Drive Is At End With Help To Do The Job

Approximately one thousand persons are now employed at state headquarters of the Veterans Administration in Indianapolis following completion of the employee drive which closed, Tuesday, March 19. During the month long period, over 2,500 persons were interviewed, and 604 received assignments.

THIS EMPLOYEE DRIVE is expected to pay dividends in

Help!

Best indication as to the almost fantastic rise in Veterans Administration affairs is revealed in a set of figures just released by state headquarters for VA. Disability awards to veterans of World War I in Indiana, covering a 27 year period just ended shows that 11,152 individuals received the benefits. Figures for the first six months following the end of World War II, shows that almost twice the number of awards—20,998 to be specific—have been awarded to vets of this war.

cleaning up the backlog of 17,000 cases existing at present, cases which have put VA under fire because the serious lack of personnel made it impossible to act upon claims in a prompt and efficient manner.

Most of the new employees will work crowded downtown offices of VA located in the Old Trails Building. Other employees of VA are at present located on the out-

La Follette, AVC Speaker, Attends Important Meeting for World Peace

Representative Charles M. LaFollette, (R. Ind.) who is slated to be the principal speaker at the AVC banquet on April 11 in Indianapolis has just concluded a conference on world government in Florida.

He had been selected as one of the members of the committee which was composed of some of America's most prominent scientists, legislators, and leaders in business and industry. They were concerned with a world government ample enough to control atomic power and other super weapons of war.

Upon the concluding day of the conference LaFollette, a liberal

Republican, declared, "There can be no absolute guarantee of peace so long as any nation has the sovereign right to decide questions of war or peace for itself."

LaFOLLETTE, who has announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate from Indiana, said that the United Nations must be "transformed from a league of sovereign states into a government empowered by the peoples of the world to act to prevent war."

To accomplish this, he said, "We must have free exchange of information between all peoples of the world."

Consistent, Anyway

St. Joseph County Medical Society Against AVC Supported Health Plan

The St. Joseph County Medical Society read a familiar thermometer last week which always makes their temperature rise. In a meeting in South Bend they went on record opposing the Wagner-Murray health insurance legislation slated to come before Congress sometime in April. In doing so they lined themselves up against the kind of a program that AVC is supporting.

The bill would make medical service available to all persons under a compulsory insurance plan, and is the type of thing the state AVC has publicly supported since the state convention in Gary in January. It was at the time the convention deliberated and approved a resolution supporting "cradle to grave" health security measures.

Indp's Chapter 2 Gets New Home, Drive for Members

Proudly bearing the marks of growing pains, Indianapolis Chapter No. 2 has just announced that it now has a home it can call its own.

Located at 310 Fountain Square Building on the south side, the new site has a recreation room, kitchen and hat check room.

ALTHOUGH this chapter has been organized less than sixty days, the new move was considered necessary since almost one hundred vets now belong to the chapter. A membership drive has been announced with a goal of 100 new members set for March.

Speaking on behalf of the medical group, Dr. George W. Rosenheimer listed the following familiar arguments:

1. Medical care would deter rate.
2. It would be too expensive.
3. It would be regimentation.
4. Experience in England and Germany was bad.
5. Will not prevent disease in slum areas.
6. Would be a trend toward socialism.

DR. ROSENHEIMER evidently did not comment on the lack of medical care in lower income brackets, or what could be done about it. He also failed to mention the appalling health standards of our nation's youth which were uncovered when young men were examined for induction into the armed services during the last five-year period.

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WYATT HOUSING DEFEATED

REPUBLICANS HELD TO ACCOUNT BY AVC ON HOUSING ACTION

Following defeat of the prime measures of the Patman bill in Congress by Republicans and Southern Democrats Martin Lerner, State Chairman of the Indiana Council of The American Veterans Committee on Wednesday, March 6 called on Hoosier vets for concerted action. He asked them to contact their local representatives of the Republican party and to warn them that they hold the Republican party responsible for defeat of what President Truman has termed "the very heart of the housing program"—the subsidy provision of the Patman Bill.

In a state-wide appeal to veterans, Mr. Lerner pointed out that not a single Republican had voted for the subsidy provision. "We urge all veterans in districts represented by Gillie, Grant, Springer, Johnson, and Halleck to take special steps to inform these congressmen that they believe that the vote against the Patman bill was a vote against the veteran, and one they should be held account for."

"THE ISSUE IS DEAR," concluded Mr. Lerner. "Shall the vet be flouted or shall this be a victory for the 'special interests lobby.'"

This action was taken in conjunction with a nation-wide protest by the National Headquarters of AVC launched when not a single Republican voted for the provision in what appeared to be a political move with the veteran to be the victim. AVC has advocated such a bill since November as the only answer to the worst housing crisis in our nation's history.

GI's Free From Tax 6 Months
How is still a represented General James A. Bennett said this week that a discharged veteran was exempt from poll tax for six months after his discharge.

House Defeats Major Proposals Which Would Give Vet a Break and Solve Acute Housing Problem

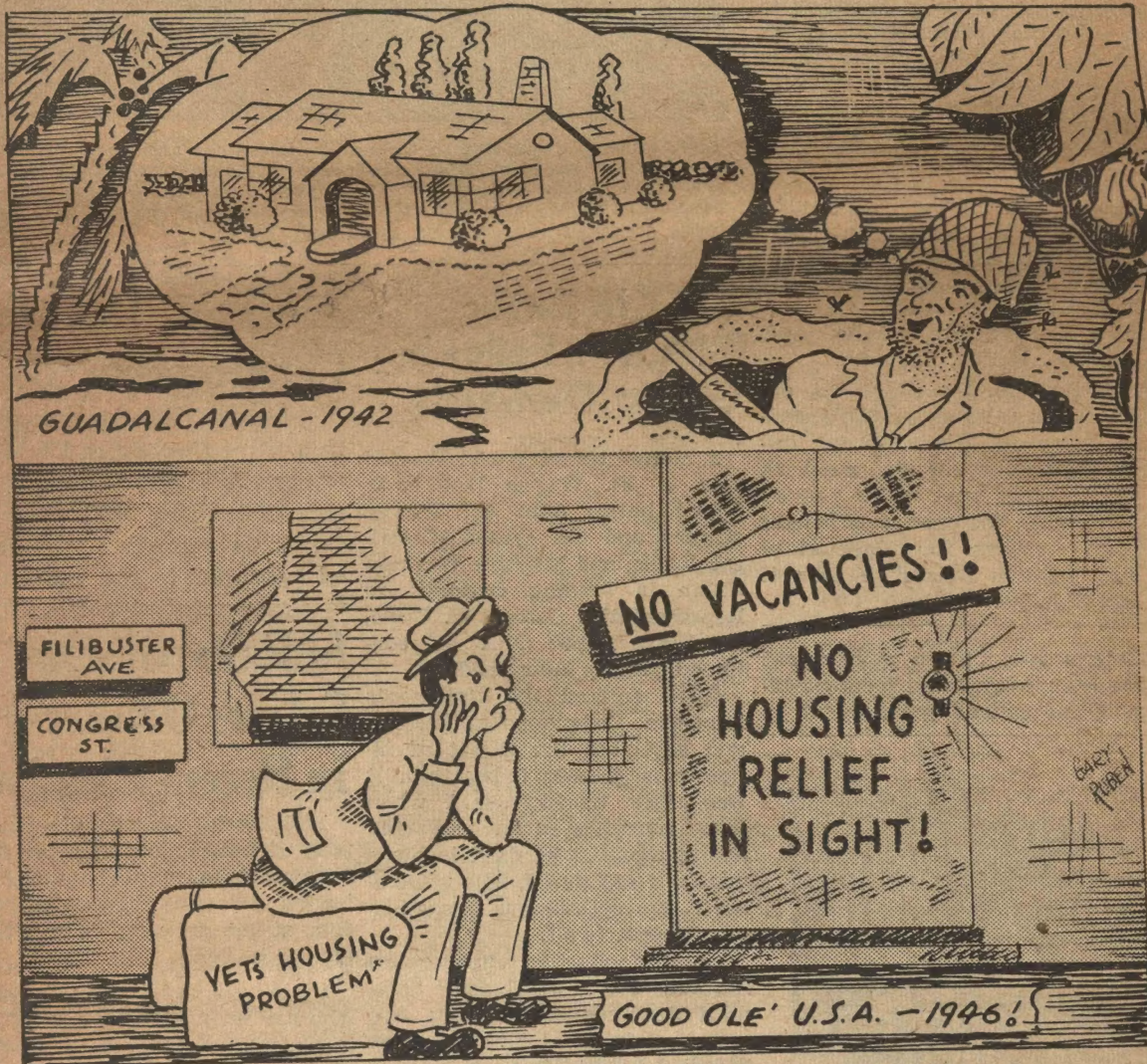
Housing seemed more remote to the veteran today than it did when he was on a desolate far-off battlefield overseas. Then it was a fond, distant, dream. But now, the defeat of essential parts of the Wyatt housing program in Congress this week smashed those dreams and replaced them with a wandering and confused emptiness as the serviceman tried desperately to find a place to live.

Republicans and Southern Democrats alike lined up solidly to defeat two significant measures of the program which would give the United States 2,700,000 homes in two years. They were:

1. To place a price ceiling on all present housing in order to make them available for the veteran.
2. Grant subsidies to the building industry to control the cost of future housing.

MR. TRUMAN had called these two proposals the "heart" of his building program. Defeat of the measures by the House focused attention on the bill as it was nearing final form in the lower House and got ready to move over to the Senate in its weakened and comparatively inept form. Labor and industrial leaders (Continued on Page 8)

Nothing's Too Good For Our Boys... Oh Yeah?



AVC Chap. Sends Belated Appeal For Patman Bill

Telegrams supporting the Patman bill presently before Congress were sent to Rep. Charles LaFollette, liberal Republican and Rep. Louis Ludlow, Democrat, by Indianapolis Chapter No. 1 following their bi-weekly meeting on February 20. The bill would provide ceilings on all real estate and bring property within the range of vet pocketbooks.

It is also expected that such action would bring present property down to the level where banks could recognize a far higher percentage of GI loans as practical investments, and thereby furnish greater opportunity for veterans to become homebuyers under the G. I. Bill provisions.

Network Established For VA Speed-Up Service To Vet

The Veterans Administration headquarters in Indiana this week completed plans for a thorough network of contact agencies in every principal Indiana city designed to speed up service to veterans. Merrill D. Cummins, regional director, announced this week that eleven more cities have been added to the list of eight established a few weeks before, and that practically every ex-serviceman in Indiana can now be easily reached.

THE NEW OFFICES, contact units, will be opened in New Albany, Madison, Vincennes, Anderson, Kokomo, Logansport, Bedford, Greensburg, Goshen, Crawfordsville, and New Castle. This will be in addition to those already set up in Bloomington, Evansville, Ft. Wayne, Lafayette, Muncie, South Bend, Terre Haute, and Gary.

"How soon the offices can be opened will depend upon conditions in each community," Mr. Cummins said. "Satisfactory space in each locality is now being sought, and as soon as it is turned over to us we will extend our service to the veteran."

EACH OFFICE will be staffed with a trained consultant and a stenographer. It will be their duty to promote the prompt and efficient processing of all claims concerning the veteran, and to see that those claims are in proper

order when they reach the regional headquarters in Indianapolis.

This is part of the procedure whereby the Veterans Administration expects to clean up the entire backlog of 17,000 claims by August.

Concentrated Support

The Terre Haute chapter of AVC registered their support for the OPA and set some sort of record in the bargain. Ed Helms, chairman of the new chapter in Terre Haute, working with other members of the chapter, circulated a petition asking for continuance of OPA past the present June deadline. Less than twelve hours after the first name was placed on the petition, it was in an envelope and on its way to Washington. On the list were 1,760 names.

Marines Haven't Landed

AVC Protests Corps Action As Men Gripe About Discharge Rate

The American Veterans Committee last week protested Marine Corps policy of withholding information about demobilization schedules and the arrest of Marines in Honolulu who had circulated a petition opposing the demobilization practices.

In connection with the arrest in Honolulu of T/Sgt. Jason B. Schaeffer of Harrisburg, Pa.; S/Sgt. Harry N. Cooley of New Orleans, La., and Sgt. George M. Darcy, Bronx, N. Y., for their part in preparing a petition of protest against Marine Corps demobilization practices, Charles G. Bolte, Chairman of the AVC, telegraphed Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps: "We feel that arrest is unduly strong action to take against men who have tried to bring what they consider injustices in Marine Corps policies to your attention. We would urge

you in the future to permit Marines, who are also citizens in a democracy, to express themselves in a peaceable and democratic fashion."

THE MEN were arrested for a cable signed by 150 Marines, which was sent to President Truman, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, Gen. Vandegrift, the Chairman of the House and Senate Naval Affairs Committees, and to the AVC. The cable said:

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Centralized Location in Indianapolis Is Established for VA Vet Service

A lot of veterans will be saving shoe leather in the Indianapolis area from now on. The Veterans Administration has just opened up a central agency in downtown Indianapolis where the veteran can get every bit of information and service offered by the VA within the brick confines of one building.

The Old Trail Building located on the southwest corner of Senate and Washington, has been entirely taken over by the VA, which is now in the process of moving every one of their service agencies into the new location.

This includes all information services for claims, vocational rehabilitation, educational benefits, loan guarantee offices, and other facilities designed to give the vet a helping hand.

WHEN THE NEW offices reach top efficiency they are expected to handle about 750 GIs a week who will be applying for benefits provided under the GI Bill of Rights.

This will be in addition to the backlog of 17,000 unprocessed claims which have lain idle because of shortage of personnel and regearing of the machinery necessary to handle potential business of the millions of servicemen discharged to date.

The personnel problem is being steadily licked as 1,700 persons were interviewed during the past two-week period, and 400 have already received assignments. It is expected that 450 persons will be employed at the downtown location, while another 600 will be located at the Veterans Hospital and at the State Fairgrounds where the clerical work for VA activities will be handled. It is emphasized, however, that the downtown location will be the only center where servicemen need to go, except for final processing at the Fairgrounds in some cases.

THIS MOVE of concentrating all VA agencies in a convenient downtown location is expected to be a big help to foot weary veterans. However, it must be pointed out that a definite need still exists for a centralized agency where the ex-serviceman can go to get all information necessary for him in his readjustment to

Snores Fortissimo

Clinging to the rent ceiling in face of mounting pressure the OPA has a further headache in the increasing number of eviction notices filed by landlords to evict tenants for various reasons. In February the total number of eviction requests hovered close to the two thousand mark in Indianapolis alone. One of these was because the owner living in one half of his double house felt the renter was a nuisance.

"But that's not reason enough," was the emphatic OPA reply. "You must be more specific."

The owner elaborated, "The man is a definite nuisance. He snores too loud."

"Chicken" Dealers In Shady Deal Indicted By OPA

Payment of "side money" to evade ceiling price regulations on wholesale poultry purchases is among the charges in federal indictments returned against six Indiana dealers in the northern Indiana district, OPA officials announced last week.

Those listed in the indictment are Merle E. Henderson and Waldo Barton, Pine Village; Clifford P. Barton, Williamsport; Samuel E. Lewsader, Oxford; John Lickert, Ft. Wayne, and Lloyd K. Mason, Corunna.

Addison M. Dowling, OPA enforcement attorney, and Alexander Campbell, United States district attorney for the northern district, said most of the poultry involved in the cases was bought from farmers for night clubs and "chicken shacks" in Detroit and Chicago.

civilian life. State government has been handed that responsibility by the national government.

WHERE LUCKY GI STUDENTS LIVE IN STYLE



FOURTEEN GI STUDENTS at Columbia university, and their brides, have found a luxurious solution to the housing problem. They are comfortably entrenched in historic Nevis house, mansion built at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., by Col. James Alexander Hamilton, descendant of Alexander Hamilton, who named the house for the birthplace of the first secretary of the treasury. Exterior and interior views of the mansion are shown above.

Gillie In Favor Of OPA Following Group Demands

A committee of World War II vets in Ft. Wayne last week joined hands with Ft. Wayne citizens and the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers Union in sending demands to Representative George W. Gillie, Ft. Wayne, that OPA be continued past its June deadline. Gillie entered the statements into the Congressional Record and said that the threat of inflation is greater today than it was after World War I when "the hardship and suffering among families of fixed incomes was so great that I, who remember it, am not anxious to see history repeat itself."

Until production approaches normal, Gillie concluded, "and until demands and supply are more nearly equal, I believe that it would be disastrous to permit uncontrolled prices."

CIO Council Head Urges Adoption Of Bailey Bill

Adoption of the Bailey bill, which, he said, would "take the government out of the business of financing strike-breaking," was urged by Walter Frisbie, secretary of the Indiana C. I. O. council, in a letter to all Indiana congressmen.

The Bailey bill would repeal refund and carry-back provisions of the revenue acts. These provisions guarantee corporations a refund to make up for loss of profits during the reconversion period, he asserted.

"It is preposterous," the letter said, "that the government be placed in a position where \$20,000,000,000 of its treasury is subject to withdrawal by corporations."

Executive Council Telegraphs Ind. Congressmen for Wyatt Housing Bill

Meeting for the second time in three weeks, the Indiana Executive Council in Bloomington on Sunday, March 3, sent telegrams to every Indiana member of Congress urging support of housing legislation presently before the House.

This legislation provided ceilings on housing costs, granted subsidies to the building industry, gave priority to veterans' housing, and numerous other measures designed to implement the housing program of 2,700,000 homes unfolded recently by Wilson Wyatt, national housing expediter.

THIS MEETING of the Council followed close on the heels of the initial session held in Indianapolis at state headquarters February 10. The Bloomington chapter played host and the meeting was held in the Chi room in the University Building, on the Indiana university campus, where the bulk of the Bloomington chapter members of AVC are registered.

In addition to the action in support of the housing measure, Executive Council members heard a report from Arthur Zinkin, Jr., executive secretary, who told of tentative plans for chapters in seven more Indiana cities. Minor changes were also made in the Constitution in which more specific provisions were made regarding the duties of the officers.

IN RESPONSE to a request by the National Headquarters of AVC, a delegate was selected for the national constitution committee. Rabbi Albert Schulman, South Bend, was selected.

Attendance was rather disappointing in that delegates from several chapters were not present. Martin Lerner, state chairman for AVC pointed out that while all state officers were present, they could not represent their respective chapters as delegates. He emphasized the importance of having 100% representation at the next meeting, to be held Sunday, April 7, at Michigan City.



APPEARING AT A DEMONSTRATION in front of New York City's Board of Transportation building, where his supporters paraded carrying signs setting forth transit workers' demands for a \$2-a-day pay increase, Michael J. Quill, president of the Transit Workers union (CIO) flashes the "V-for-Victory" sign.

REPORTER UNFOLDS HOUSING SNAFU IN INDIANAPOLIS

SOUTH BEND VET GETS TEMPORARY HOUSING



The veterans service commission operating in South Bend gave in that city a helping hand when they procured 180 temporary dwellings for servicemen. First veteran to move in was Archie W. Rajeski, shown above with his wife and child at the door of their new abode. The veterans referral center said housing in South Bend was so short that Rajeski had been forced to live under miserable conditions before this break. Consisting of two to three bedrooms the houses range from \$33 to \$37 a month. They are being placed in parks, land tracts, and other property belonging to the city.

Courtesy of South Bend Tribune

AVC Intentions in Partial Victory As Employment Bill Becomes Law

When Version Becomes "Employment Act Of 1946"

Full employment, a plank in the framework of the AVC statement of intentions, took a hesitant step forward last week when President Truman signed the "Employment Act of 1946."

This bill started through Congress more than a year ago being less frequently referred to as the "full employment bill."

AS IT MADE its way through Congress, however, it took on a bit of watering here and there, and was a somewhat weaker drink of economic legislation by the time it reached the President's desk. The words "full employment" were taken out and the government was instead directed to what it could toward maintaining "high levels" of employment.

However, passage of the bill is still a departure in policy. It represented the theory that economic fluctuations — booms and depressions — were part of the inevitable course of things, as a look into past economic shakeups in the U. S. reveals. But the bill

provides a council of three economic advisers to the President at \$15,000 a year, whose duty it will be to foresee the economic storms, and to advise the President on just how to batten down the hatches and ride through the rough days. A joint Congressional committee of seven men is set up to study the periodic reports, and to devise appropriate legislation.

While the new law is not as extensive as the original, it is still a planned and scientific approach designed to help establish full employment.

TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES

Medical authorities recognize more than 50 diseases that are transmissible from animals to man.

MOTHER OF 4 THREATENS LIFE IF SHE CAN'T FIND HOME SOON

A note of tragedy was struck in the Bedford housing situation last week when a young mother of four children said she would end her life unless she found a home by the end of the week. She made the threat in an unsigned note, dropped into a letter slot in the news room of the Bedford Times-Mail by a boy under school age.

The letter said: "Would you please print this letter in your paper in the hope that some one who reads it may help me to find a place to live? I would take anything from a two-room apartment (unfurnished) to a five-room house. I'm not particular about it being so nice."

"I ran across a house on the west side yesterday. It was not very good but I would have been very glad if I could have lived there a month or two until I could find some other place. I was informed by the owner that it is to be torn down."

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So desperate. If I can't find a house by the last of this month, I'll get me a place in Green Hill or Cresthaven. The four children will be taken care of somehow. A desperate Mother." Green Hill and Cresthaven are city cemeteries.

N.J. Vet Fights for Co-op Housing

A veteran in New Brunswick, N. J., took matters into his own hands last week regarding the housing situation in his home town and carried the ball right to the governmental doorstep. Lt. James O. Bryant, an Army engineer, formed a cooperative organization composed of 200 vets, took an option on a fifty acre tract on the outskirts of New Brunswick, and went to Washington to get governmental support.

Officials there are interested in Bryant's plan whereby the \$500 down payment put up by each veteran would provide a \$100,000 completion bond, with RFC placing at their disposal the \$1,500,000 necessary to complete the project.

If the financial problem can be overcome, and building priorities can be granted by the government, the co-op expects to have houses ready for occupancy in nine months.

Tax Returns Are Filled For Free

The harassing problem of filling out income tax returns has been made easier for Indiana veterans by establishment of a tax aid center in the Indianapolis Post Office. Operating entirely without charge to the veteran, a crew of specially trained auditors have been assigned to assist veterans, the majority of whom are having to file for back years.

Operating under the direction of Mr. F. Shirely Wilcox, Collector of Internal Revenue the auditors have been handling the tax returns at the rate of one hundred a day, and the rate is being stepped up as more and more vets are released from service.

It has been found that most of the men have to file for past years, and that in most cases substantial refunds are in order for earned income during the periods of 1942 and 1943.

AVC Information Used to Show Lack of Planning As Main Cause

A king-sized stick of dynamite was placed squarely in the center of the Indianapolis housing situation last week by the simple, direct method of telling the truth. In several daily front page articles, Richard Lewis, Indianapolis Times reporter and former doughfoot and Stars and Stripes reporter in Europe, listed a series of causes, and implied that poor city planning, selfishness, and general snafu were at the base of the trouble.

MORE SPECIFICALLY HE SAID:

ONE: The city has taken no effective steps to rehouse the veteran.

TWO: A number of citizens whose public spirit would ordinarily be beyond question are taking advantage of the veteran's plight to sell him inflated property.

THREE: A short-sighted program by the city administration.

LISTING LACK of planning at the top of the list, Mr. Lewis told of the ruthless destruction of 19 buildings housing over 100 persons to make way for industrial expansion, facts that were uncovered by the American Veterans Committee working with the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. He also gave other AVC figures to show that five times as much industrial building as housing had been under way in the Capitol City since V-J Day.

ANOTHER FACT, he stated, was that four years ago the city administration failed to act when the federal government offered to finance multi-family housing projects. (Not slum clearance program, but for middle income groups.) Real estate groups opposed such programs on grounds of "federal meddling" and "unwarranted subsidy." (Ed. note: They are making the same statements today. For more information see story headed "What Every Realtor Should Know.") They said they could handle all the building Indianapolis needed.

NO VETERAN HAS BEEN HOUSED according to any plan set up by the mayor's housing committee, the report continued. Only 500 families will eventually be taken care of in a temporary manner, and none of these plans have materialized as yet. (This would take care of about 2 percent of the 20,000 veterans looking for a permanent home in Indianapolis.)

In a later article Mr. Lewis showed evidence where landlords in the city were in the process of closing 41 dwelling units in protest against OPA ceiling prices, 250 for the resident rooms.

One man, Mr. C. E. Booth, already has closed three of his apartments in protest against the OPA. He said he cannot afford to rent them at present prices. They have remained idle for several weeks as a result.

OPA FIGURES showed that 1,700 eviction notices were handled during the month of January for the following reasons.

1. Returning servicemen want their homes. (Lucky fellows).
2. Landlords have servicemen sons returning.
3. Servicemen in desperation take places beyond their ability to pay and come up short at rent time.
4. Striking industrial workers are out of money.
5. Some owners try to evict tenants in order to cash in on a "bonus" offer for a vacant house. These are in the minority, however.

The "Welcome Home" mat that the citizenry in the Hoosier capitol had unrolled for the returning serviceman had worn a little thin.

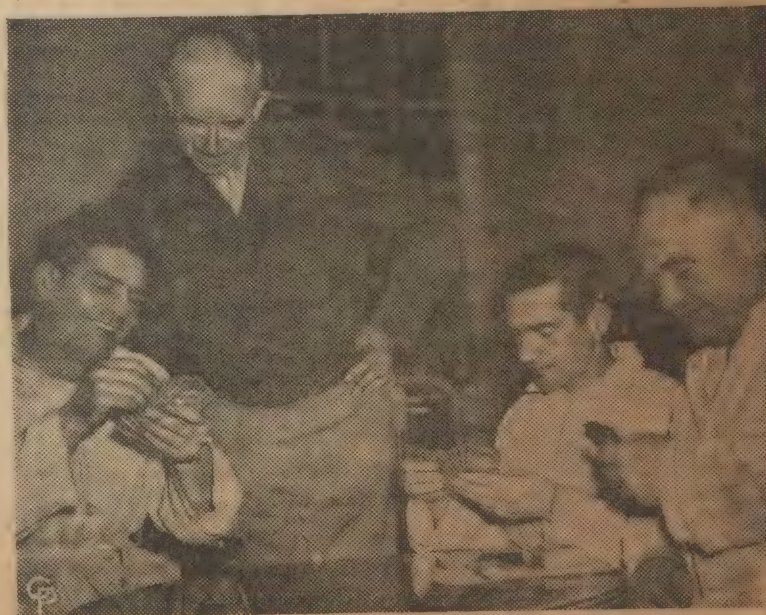
Home-Seeking Vets Are Receiving Top Priority at Y

While the Indianapolis housing shortage grows daily more severe, hundreds of service men and veterans of World War II are finding a temporary—and sometimes permanent—solution to their rooming problems at the city's Y. M. C. A.

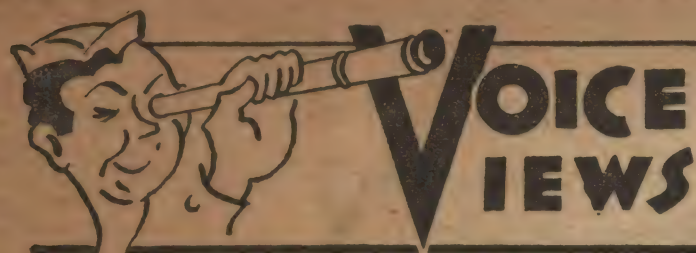
All "top priority" guests, more than 300 GIs and former GIs are occupying rooms each day at the organization's central branch, 310 North Illinois street.

Approximately 100 veterans are now in the Y's permanent resident rooms. The remainder are in temporary quarters in the large dormitory. Four transient rooms are kept open to handle "emergency callers," but there is still a waiting list of more than 250 for the resident rooms.

BRADLEY AN ALL-STAR KIBITZER



VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION CHIEF General Omar Bradley does a bit of four-star kibitzing as he watches a three-handed game of hearts played by convalescing GIs at the Veterans' Hospital, Bronx, N. Y. The players are (l. to r.) Cpl. Ben Sorrentino, Bridgeport, Conn.; T/4 Robert Rogers, Beacon, N. Y.; and Sgt. William Atwood, Bronx, N. Y.



Please, Mr. Tunney, Get Off The Floor

Gene Tunney, survivor of 30 gruelling rounds against Jack Dempsey years ago, is among residents of Fairfield County, Connecticut, and Westchester County, New York, who object to the recommendation of a United Nations Organization committee that UNO's permanent quarters be located in that swank suburban area within easy commuting distance of New York City.

Outside of one sarcastic remark that UNO is looking for a site near New York's night clubs, most of the objections seem to be coming from people afraid of losing their homes or of being given the alternative of living in an area no longer under the jurisdiction of the United States.

Such motives, though obviously selfish, are understandable. If any of us were told that we might have to move out of our homes within a year, if we had homes, we would have an immediate impulse to object, especially during this period when a place to live is more difficult to find than a field of four leaf clovers. If we knew that our own precious land were to be used as a site for a new aquarium or brewery, we'd defend our homes with bean blowers and spitballs if necessary.

But if we found out that it was the United Nations Organization wanting our little plot of earth, then we might feel a little better about the deal, because we feel that UNO is our one great hope in the continuing struggle for a lasting peace.

Therefore that organization is entitled to nothing but the best. If it considered our home as the best site for its permanent activities, why we might even be proud to take our grandchildren around the grounds some day to show them what happened to the old homestead.

Newspaper photos showed Gene Tunney and his buddies sitting around in plus homes and looking disgruntled about the whole thing. We wonder if Jack Dempsey agrees with us that their attitude leaves something to be desired.

If they do lose their homes, they will have more time to search for new dwellings than most of the millions of families now searching for a place to keep the family together. If they stay where they are, we trust that our government will make provisions for them to retain their U. S. citizenship.

And what if those residents who choose to remain in the UNO area are required to fall under the administration of the world organization? Then, we believe, they will some day be looked upon as pioneering citizens of a world government.

Some day in the not-too-distant future the world will have to choose between world law or more world war. We haven't much doubt as to what the choice will be. When that day comes, residents of Fairfield and Westchester will be able to assure us that it isn't bad at all, much better than a third world war.

So we'd like to see Mr. Tunney get up off the floor before the count of thirteen to lead his friends in a loud and sincere welcome to the United Nations Organization.

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AN EDITORIAL

Defeat Of Wyatt Plan Means Defeat To Vet

The last shot has been fired. The war is over. People can now start running hell-bent in all directions at the same time.

There are persons who obviously feel that since casualty lists no longer are compiled in column form, that every act of war—and the resultant effects—can be washed away in the expression "FREE ENTERPRISE."

We are, of course, referring to the defeat that has just been nailed on the Wyatt housing plan. Members of Congress specifically defeated measures which would lick the housing emergency existing at present.

Principal objection to the Wyatt proposal, which has shown what must be done in order to build 2,700,000 homes in two years, has been based on the cry that this was "more government control."

For instance, when Congressional members voted against permitting a price ceiling on dwellings now standing, they said, "That's more governmental red-tape. We want less of it." Yet, only 2% of the GI loans have been approved to date. The principal reason has been that prices are too high for banks loaning the cash to consider the ex-GI and the little home "he fought for" to be a good risk. IN SHORT THE VETERAN CAN'T BUY A HOME TODAY.

How about building one? Our Congressional opponents had a way of handling that one, too. "No subsidies to the building industry," they said. "LIFT the restrictions and the building industry can lick the problem."

As easy as that. Yet, a subsidy will definitely bring prices down to the \$6,000 price—and figures show that amount to

be absolute tops for 85% of the returning servicemen. THEY JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MORE.

AVC, on the other hand, has supported the Wyatt plan lock, stock and subsidy for the simple reason that it is the only plan that has been presented to date which would lick the problem. We recognize that it is more governmental control, but we realize, too, that it is the answer to the greatest building crisis in our history.

We simply have an earnest desire to see that the veteran has some place to live. That's our aim in a nutshell.

But how is he living at present? Unless he owned a home when he went away to war, he is living with his parents, crowded into a one-room shack in old shanty town, battling with his mother-in-law, or going neck deep in debt to pay rents beyond his pay check.

Hell, he's not living—he's existing.

SO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE? We have already answered that. The Wyatt plan must be adopted. Government will supply the controls necessary for efficiency in a war-time manner. Industry would furnish energy and "know how" that would result in 16 billion dollar business for them during the next two years. They would be turning out homes at almost twice the rate they were turned out in the record year of 1925.

Sure it would be a system of government control. But it would be under the kind of system that was used to defeat the enemy during wartime.

It would be a wonderful display of a word called "teamwork."

And it would be a fellow who learned about the hard way—the veteran.

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Just to prove that things can be just as snafued in civilian life as they were in service, we present for your consideration the following:

a. Ernie Adamson, counsel for the House Committee investigating un-American activities, has written to columnists and radio commentators asking for their definition of the word democracy, which he seems to consider subversive. He contends that our government has always been a representative republic and was never intended to be a democracy. (Charles Beard had better rewrite his history books).

b. Captain McVey of the Navy is convicted by court-martial of gross negligence and the civilian Secretary of the Navy imposes the "severe" penalty of demotion of 100 places on the promotion list. (One cannot help but wonder what the sentence would have been if it was M 1/c McVey, instead of Captain McVey).

c. The National Association of Credit Men has already lobbied 18 state legislatures into approving a request for a constitutional amendment limiting the income tax to 25 per cent. This same organization is also supporting a balanced budget. (Our guess is that they must think that it is done with mirrors).

The above four snafu items should prove that our job has just begun; there is work to be done.

M/Sgt. Irv Katz
Camp Atterbury, Ind.

WHAT EVERY REALTOR SHOULD KNOW

WHAT THE OPPOSITION SAYS:

Speaking before Indianapolis realtors last week, Herbert U. Nelson said:

1. Administration program of producing 2,700,000 further tinkering with economy.
2. It would create more red tape.
3. Subsidies would stifle competition.
4. Controls are bad—totalitarian.

WHAT HE PROPOSES:

1. Government should give veteran cash to purchase homes.
2. Outright gift of \$500 to \$2,500 to veteran to purchase home.

P. S. Mr. Nelson is executive vice-president of National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Action Speaks Loudest

As AVC digs deeper and deeper into the problems facing the veteran today, we become more and more newsworthy from a newspaper standpoint. Our recent defense of General Bradley was reported by all three Indianapolis dailies, as well as state publications. Editorials have been written by Gary and Indianapolis papers commending our organization as they keep a watchful eye on our progress, and our attitude on the various questions of the day. One Indianapolis daily carried a feature story with pictures in a prominent part of their editions in which they called us "the largest veterans organization of World War II."

When the new national housing program was announced about two weeks ago, comments were printed, quoting Martin Larnier, State Chairman, in a statement in which he favored the program, pointing out that "AVC lanted out that November, been actively advocating such a program, what does all this add up to. It shows, for one thing, we are THINKING about the many problems of today. But it shows something else as well. We are ACTING on those problems, too."

Guest Voice:

Mr. Don F. Datisman, Managing Editor of The Gary Post Tribune
Advises Us To Take Active Community Interest As Civilians

Veterans who believe that their welfare is tied inseparably with the welfare of the nation should shoulder their share of the responsibility for the country's well-being.

"Why, of course," the veteran will respond. "That's the belief which led to formation of the American Veterans' Committee in the first place. I'm a member—went to a meeting last night, in fact."

THAT'S ALL VERY FINE. Young as an organization, the AVC has been quick to command respect over the country as a fraternity of veterans working for the interests of the nation. It is growing rapidly and it already has acquired a voice in public affairs far greater than its numbers alone would give it.

But membership in such an organization as the American Veterans' Committee should not suffice for young men who believe in its principles. There's other work to be done.

MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS are handled on the

top level—in Washington, in the state capitols. Many local questions may be answered in city halls. They are the sort in which organizations can serve to express the collective thinking of their members.

But we develop a nation which thinks clearly and acts correctly by developing individuals who can think and act that way.

In every community, there are organizations which are working to improve our local standards, to help develop the right sort of individuals. They need help—volunteers who will serve in the ranks and others who will provide leadership.

VETERANS SHOULD be quick to integrate themselves in the life of the community, to offer their services in the various activities of their neighborhoods and their home towns.

They will find their services welcomed, their thinking appreciated by those who have been carrying the load in these activities.

They will have a genuine contribution to make. Their thinking on community matters will be of high importance during the next few decades. They ought to express their thought at the outset, not wait to voice a "veterans protest" after some decision is made.

ADULT LEADERSHIP is needed by the Boy Scout movement in almost every part of the country. There's a type of service for which former servicemen are particularly fitted. But the Boy Scouts represent only one of the many youth organizations which are appealing for adult assistance.

Look around your own community. You'll find many ways in which, as a citizen interested in a better America, you can be of continuing service to your country. Don't think you have done your full share when you've paid your dues in a veterans' organization.

About Washington

Through the Eyes of
SENATOR WALDORF GROUSE

Shucks, fellows, I didn't think you'd have the nerve to ask me to write another column after you've been exposed by Westbrook Pegler. But me, I'm broadminded. Besides, I was once called a Communist for voting in favor of a 40c per hour minimum wage.

I guess the House has been stealing most of the thunder during the last couple of weeks, what with all the blubbering against the Patman Bill; and then there was that thing they put through which is supposed to throttle a guy named Petrillo. We're looking into that one a little more thoroughly, though. It may be throttling a lot more people than Petrillo, the ordinary guys who work around a radio station. I'm not at all sure about that one yet.

YOU MEN who have been away for two or three years may not understand some of the things that are said up here around the capitol. What you hear often sounds like doubletalk, and that's just about what it is. Being an orator in the Senate, maybe I can explain some of it to you. There is a great need for definition these days, so I'll try to explain some of the terms often used in speeches in Washington. You might find these definitions in Webster's Diluted Dictionary, especially the Dixie edition.

Un-American—A term we apply to something we don't like when we can't think of any specific arguments against it.

Bureaucrat—Anybody who works for the government who isn't in Congress. Obviously, therefore, a bad character.

Communist—(1) Anybody who says that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was anything better than a mediocre President; (2) anybody fighting discrimination against people with long ears.

Internationalist—A desperado who says we should try to co-operate with Russia instead of declaring war immediately.

Radical—Anybody in sympathy with the OPA.

Crackpot—(1) Anybody who denies that World War III is inevitable; (2) Henry Wallace.

THESE ARE but a few of the terms you may hear frequently in a good, blood-curdling Senate debate. No, not all Senators use these colloquialisms, and I admit that some of the definitions can be switched around to fit any of the words on the list.

But I defy you, young man, to sit in on floor debates or committee hearings without having your ears smashed by bleatings similar to those listed above. Some day I'm going to supplement my meager salary by compiling a complete Congressional Lexicon.

If you think that the above dissertation and the name of Westbrook Pegler appearing in the same column is a coincidence, you are mistaken. It is in indisputable fact that some of today's most widely read columnists are under the influence of senatorial diction.

BUT LEST my vast public following think I am mocking myself, one of the few men with the ability to serve as public official and columnist simultaneously, let such thoughts cease at once. Grouse is one man whom the people can trust on the Senate floor or in the nation's press, red-blooded campaigner against all the un-American bureaucrats, Communists, Internationalists, Radicals, and Crackpots in the country.

Remember that when you go to the polls in 1946.

CHARGE DESTRUCTION OF ARMY-NAVY SUPPLIES



THIS AND SIMILAR PHOTOS showing widespread destruction of Army and Navy supplies in the Pacific, brought a demand for a congressional investigation when they were exhibited to the House executive committee by Representative Henry J. Latham (R) New York, who said the photographs were taken by a Dutch civilian. Rear Adm. C. H. Cotter, Vice Chief of Material for the Navy, told the committee that there had been some "unauthorized destruction" of surplus war goods.

THE SCRAP PILE

It would have taken a powerful lot of news to shove love and sex stuff off of Indiana front pages this week. At least this rag couldn't find dope that sensational. But The Voice did have several stories cooking that would have made pretty interesting reading for anyone psycho enough to invest a nickel in this sheet.

The only trouble is that the type had to be tucked into the presses before the yarns were ready to spin. So-o-o, with ants in my pants, and feeling frustrated as hell, all I can do is a powerful lot of hinting in the

HINT DEPARTMENT: Don't be surprised if something rather definite breaks in every principal city of the state within the next few days on a centralized agency where a veteran can get all the information he needs in settling back into his niche in civilian life. As it now stands, whenever an EX-GI sets out to get this info on Friday morning he bounces around so much in a maze of misinformation that he winds up with a Lost Weekend—without the drink, even....

Another note for the future is that a gent of big-time dimensions is slated to speak at a banquet pitched by AVC and due to come off sometime in the early part of April. If and when he does, the things he has to say have a fair chance of being aired by the networks....

HOUSING, THOUGH, is more

interesting than crystal gazing into the future at this particular moment. Finding a place to live is so rough in Ft. Wayne that one family hid their youngest child in a drawer, and three more children in a broom closet so the owner wouldn't toss them out of the one room they had been able to find.

Putting the kid in the drawer at this time of year might be all right. But what would they do in the summertime—when short drawers are in season. Yuck-yuck.

Phil Bayt, rent attorney for the Hoosier OPA setup, got a complaint last week from a landlord who was screaming about the high cost of utility bills he had to pay for a renter. He told about paying a surprise call on the people, only to find a character seated all alone in the kitchen, strumming a guitar, with the water faucet running hell bent in the kitchen sink at his ear.

Since he was footing the bill, the owner asked for reasons why the thing was streaming along at a good eighty-five miles an hour. "Durned if I know," was the reply. "The thing was on when I came in." Personally, I don't know when he "came in," but I have a fair idea as to when he would be drifting out.

Incidentally, in the last year the OPA has collected over \$50,000 from landlords for rent over-

charges. Some of my best friends are landlords.

THINGS AND STUFF IN GENERAL: Up around the vicinity of our South Bend chapter the Army is storing about 20,000 airplane motors. This is reported to be the largest collection of stuff like that there that can be found anywhere in the country—or the world, for that matter. As long as I'm boasting I might as well make it good.... An OPA area rent adjuster out in Kansas received a homemade bomb wrapped in Valentine greetings on the romance day. A sort of literal interpretation of raising the price ceiling. But it isn't humorous because it tore off part of his hand.... A sally in the same alley is the news that scientists have recorded an electronic impulse travelling at the rate of 477,714 miles in 2½ seconds. The connection between this and OPA is that they might be conducting the experiment to find out how far and how fast prices could go if the ceiling were to be lifted.... Of special interest to those of you who bounced around the European Theatre, Paris announced about three weeks ago that they were shutting down all houses of prostitution by March 15. Under such a setup, I wonder if the Army will still recognize the campaign star for the battle of Pigalle.

AND THAT WINDS UP THIS SESSION. I see by the papers that our friend Westbrook Pegler is out in Arizona. In those surroundings, I'd sure like to tell him to go sit on a cactus—but he'd never get the point. **B. L.**

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When Congress takes up the business of radical extension of G. I. insurance, reported to come on the docket next month, the Veterans Administration will suggest the following changes:

1. Allow death settlement in a lump sum. Instead of monthly payments over long periods. The G. I.'s have hollered for this.
2. Let any one be named a beneficiary, instead of only close relatives.
3. Permit conversion of the policy to an endowment plan.
4. Allow total disability benefits.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, veterans administrator, has said the administration aims at provisions "more closely matching commercial policies."

WOUNDED VETERANS were especially urged to maintain their policies since they may not be able to pass examinations necessary for most private insurance policies.

This advice comes following the beginning of a drive in AVC quarters to eliminate the undesirable qualities found in service insurance. AVC will seek to change the payoff provisions of the policies where most criticism from the G. I. has fallen.

Ex-Khaki Clads Are Major Part of Job Hunting Vets

Of the 11,738 claims for readjustment allowances received from job-hunting veterans in the central office of the Indiana Employment Security Division in the first two complete weeks of February, 8,717 came from ex-soldiers, 2,560 from ex-sailors, 385 from ex-Marines, and 76 from former Coast Guardsmen.

The Indiana Employment Security Division administers the readjustment allowance phase of the G.I. Bill of Rights in Indiana. The program was established to help veterans become established in their own business or to become re-employed in jobs.

The above figure, of the ratio is continued, shows a slight drop over the figures of January released in the preceding issue of The Veterans Voice, which showed that 29,394 vets applied for readjusted allowances.

Noble R. Shaw, Division director, explained that readjustment allowances for veterans and unemployment compensation for non-veterans are somewhat similar programs in that the individual claiming benefits must be able, available, and willing to work.

Labor Views Are Aired In New Radio Feature

"Labor Speaks," a new program designed to show the problems faced by labor, was heard for the first time Sunday, March 3, at 12:15 p. m. over Station WIRE. Under the direction of Mr. Joseph Shepard, Labor Editor of The Indianapolis Star, the initial program featured transcribed congratulatory messages from Phil Murray and William Green, head of C. I. O. and A. F. of L., respectively. In addition, Charles Kern, State Labor Com-

FIRST GI BRIDE TO GO OVER



FIRST GI BRIDE from the eastern U. S. to be granted a permit to accompany her husband to Germany, the former Edith Castanna of Richmond, Va., is shown with her husband, T/5 Robert Jamrose in Boston. The two will depart for Germany in April.

missioner, appeared and stated same time, subsequent programs in effect that "this outlet is quite of the Public Service series are necessary in order to let the people know of labor, its aims, and its purposes." intended to give advice to labor organizations, answers queries, and to present the problems of labor in the industrial picture.

Statement Of Intentions

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:

Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war.

Establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.

SKIMMING AT A MILE A MINUTE



THIS IS ONE INSTANCE where photographic art has merged with the skill of the subject to catch the flow of graceful motion. The pretty subject is 17-year-old Nancey Stilley, who is skimming the water on skis at a mile-a-minute clip off Lakeland, Fla., where she is training for the winter regatta to be held in March.

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BOOK CORNER

REVEILLE FOR RADICALS

By Saul Alinsky. University of Chicago Press.

"I have ever observed that the great mass of people are always just, both in their intentions and their objects." So, over a century and a half ago, wrote Tom Paine, a pamphleteer whose writing formed the social credo of the American revolution and whose name is today venerated as are those of all America's founding fathers.

TOM PAINE was a radical in every sense of the word. He was a radical, not primarily because he worked for the abolition of the abuses of his time, not because he spoke against a status quo which others, less inspired, accepted resignedly, but because he conceived of social actions and institutions in their most profound and fundamental sense—as expressions of the needs and experiences of common people.

Saul Alinsky, too, is a radical, writing a challenge to radicals. In his book, "Reveille for Radicals," he puts forward the major premise that it is not enough to recognize abuses, not enough to form and articulate convictions about society, not enough, in short, to content one's self with the intellectual acceptance of the necessity for a people's community, a people's nation and a people's work. The "liberal" of today stops at this point. As a result, the liberal is an ineffectual force in bringing about any iota closer to those goals which he professes to seek.

ALINSKY addresses his book to those whose hearts as well as heads are in the social struggle. Implicit in every word he writes is the assumption that there can be no compromise with the evils we seek to combat, and that the manifold extraneous considerations of "expediency" which impede the conventional liberal can

have no place in the practical, militant approach of the genuine radical.

Alinsky is a Chicagoan, the executive director of the Industrial Areas Foundation, advisor to various people's organizations, and the moving spirit of the now-famous Back of the Yards Council. It is the story of these People's Organizations with which "Reveille for Radicals" is concerned. Because Saul Alinsky himself has been the outstanding figure in this movement it is necessary that his reminiscences, his reports, his suggestions dominate the book. But what he is saying in effect is not "Look what I've done," but rather "Here is what has to be done. Here is what we have done so far. Go, thou, and do likewise." To the American citizen who shares with him the conviction that our government and our institutions must reflect the wants and wishes of our people, Alinsky offers a concrete program through People's Organizations.

IT IS, UNFORTUNATELY, advisable to add here that Mr. Alinsky's definition of radical does not coincide with Mr. Hearst's; that the radicalism of a people's organization has nothing to do with Soviet Russia, with militant labor unions, with any of the catchy categories and phrases the use of which the Left is as incurably addicted as the Right. The principles and program of a People's Organization spring only from the nature of the people, from the problems of personal and social living which confront the vast, heterogeneous, and aspiring throng who are the American people.

MEMBERS of A.V.C. should read "Reveille for Radicals." It is, I suppose, possible to disagree with Alinsky in theory as well as practice and still retain convictions within the framework of our Statement of Intentions. Yet,

it seems to me that a veterans' organization would have to go far to find a better description of its ideal nature and its usefulness than the description of a People's Organization. As veterans, we are bound together by common experience and common needs. Those needs, identical with the needs of our fellow Americans as a whole, are recognized in the Statement of Intentions.

YET THE MERE fact that we recognize those needs, the mere fact that we are a varied group welded together by common intellectual convictions, is not an end, but a jumping-off place—a springboard for positive social action. A.V.C., like the People's Organizations, has come into being at a time fraught with peril, but replete with opportunity. To acknowledge the dangers which lie before us, to recognize common goals and common enemies is a worthy initial accomplishment. To follow through, unswervingly, in a program of positive action toward those goals is an imperative necessity.

As veterans, our time and our status result in a unique challenge. As members of A.V.C. we announce that we recognize that challenge. As Americans, as members of a democratic society, as human beings, we must accept that challenge, work, and triumph.—N. R.

How's Business?

Statistics Show Factories Up; '46 Predicted Banner Year

Contrary to popular conception, the employment picture was actually brighter during the period from mid-December to mid-January than it had been the month before. This encouraging news is substantiated by the lengthy report recently released by Noble R.

Shaw, Indiana Employment Security director, which shows that 6,300 more workers were actually punching time-clocks in factories throughout Hoosierdom during that 30-day period than in the preceding month.

AS THE STATISTICS pointed out, this was undoubtedly due to the fact that many strikes were settled in this period, and also that industry was absorbing ex-GIs who were coming back and picking up tools at benches they had left to don service uniforms. This reading was also taken shortly before the Labor-Steel dispute late in January which tied up plants throughout the state, and which was settled approximately two weeks ago.

Another favorable note in the study of the Division statistics is that the figures indicate the last half of 1946 will provide numerous new jobs for turning out materials for the post-war production program. Factory employment, undoubtedly, will outstrip the 1942 peak before the end of the year.

Good Salary Jobs Open in VA

New openings in Indiana for 65 men to assist in organizing and administering the vocational rehabilitation training of Veterans Administration in Indiana has just been announced. Men to assist in agriculture, commercial and professional occupation training have been specifically requested by the Veterans Administration regional office in Indianapolis.

There is an immediate need for such qualified men with the salaries up to \$3,640 base pay plus overtime. High School graduates and persons having experience in supervising or conducting vocational training and employment placement of vocationally handicapped persons call or write Mr. Duke Baker, Veterans Administration, Old Trails Building, Indianapolis.

Slight Cost Rise As Meat Workers Get Substantial Boost

Every civilian last year ate, on the average, \$54.25 worth of meat. This year the average is expected to be \$55.05—an increase of less than seven cents a month on your sirloin and lamb chop diet.

This was the concession Stabilization Director Chester Bowles made in his battle against rising prices last week, and in return 131,000 employees of five large packing companies were granted increases of 16 cents an hour. This policy of one and a half per cent rise in meat costs represented a small leak in the price dike, but Mr. Bowles recommended the departure because of the opportunity it offered to the packinghouse workers.

THE INCREASE represented a sizable percentage to many of the packinghouse workers because the majority of them were in the lower labor income brackets.

Present meat prices are about 35 cents a pound, but the slight increase is expected on retail markets the latter part of March. Wholesale prices are expected to go up Monday, March 11.

Meanwhile, the American Meat Institute protested, and termed the increases "distinctly inadequate for many companies."

Drowns Off Ferry



VICE ADM. T. S. WILKINSON, chief of Navy intelligence at the time of Pearl Harbor and hero of the Pacific war, was drowned when he accidentally drove his automobile off the Norfolk-Portsmouth ferry slip. Winning three Distinguished Service Medals and the Congressional Medal of Honor during his career, Wilkinson, 58, has been one of the chief witnesses before the Pearl Harbor investigating committee. Faulty breaks caused the crash, from which the admiral's wife escaped as he pushed her from the sinking car.

Terre Haute AVC Promotes Action On Vital Issues

The Terre Haute Chapter of the American Veterans Committee held a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Six members and several guests were present.

Discussing the necessity of continuing the OPA until the danger of inflation has passed, it was pointed out that those who profit most from OPA have exerted little pressure to continue it, while those who stand to gain most from inflation have strong lobbies at work, urging that the legislation be killed. "Scores of veterans and their families would be forced to move if OPA did not protect them, in this transitional period, by rent control," said Ed Helms, Chapter Chairman. Following the discussion, the chapter voted to petition Congress to extend this vital legislation.

The Housing Committee, formed in the preceding meeting and composed of Helms, Harry A. Toelle, Jr. and Bill Cox, reported on the housing shortage and pointed out that this is a problem which must be met with all the resources of citizens and government.

The next meeting will be at the Terre Haute Y. M. C. A. Wednesday, March 6, 1946, at 8 p. m.

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LOYAL CALIFORNIAN that he is, San Franciscan and Imperial Potentate William H. Woodfield, Jr., of the Shrine of North America, reaches Miami, Fla., wearing a raincoat and carrying an umbrella to indicate his doubts of the Florida climate. But four of Miami's famed cuties were there at the plane to seize him and drag him out into the widely-advertised bright sunshine of Florida's Biscayne Bay.



Marines

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"We the undersigned members of the Marine Corps, protest the arbitrary action of the Marine Corps in holding up the rapid return of the Marine Corps to peacetime status. It is the only serv-

HOOSIER INVOLVED

William A. Hamilton, Indianapolis, was identified today as one of six Marine noncommissioned officers broken to the rank of private for their part in petitioning President Truman against the slowness of Marine Corps demobilization.

Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commander of fleet Marine forces in the Pacific, said the action was taken, not as punishment, but because "the individuals concerned demonstrated their unfitness to be noncommissioned officers."

Their actions, he said, violated Navy regulations and were carried out without the knowledge or consent of their commander.

ice in which the men have absolutely no information on the service's demobilization plan. In the past four months the total drop in points for discharge has been eight (8), an average of two points per month. The points are not accumulating as with the Navy, no consideration has been given to length of service as in the Army.

"UNDER THE PRESENT official orders from FMF PAC, men in the Marine Corps cannot meet together to protest against such action, or rather lack of action,

which is destroying their faith in their commanders and their efficiency of performance in their jobs.

"All we ask is a plan which will tell us our chances of getting out, enabling us to plan our future, and giving due consideration to our service since V-J Day."

Mr. Bolte noted that at the height of recent demobilization demonstrations, representatives from the AVC discussed the demobilization problem with General Eisenhower. Bolte stated: "We found General Eisenhower to be aware of the beneficial effects on the morale of the enlisted men overseas of accurate information about the Army's demobilization policy." He added: "We believe that the demonstrations died down mainly because General Eisenhower provided that information."

Rally To Discuss OPA Extension

Representatives of practically every labor organization in Indianapolis met Wednesday morning, March 6, at the World War Memorial Plaza to discuss united action in favor of an extension of OPA price ceilings past the June deadline as provided in present legislation.

Both CIO and AFL leaders were present at the rally as facts and figures were discussed. John H. Brunck, Labor Liaison Officer for OPA, was one of the principal speakers, and presented more information in support of the extension.

Housing Defeated

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alike were watching closely and many were expected to assail the Senate with numerous committees and telegrams in an attempt to regain the proposals which would help the veteran.

AVC HAS had an active delegation in Washington fighting the House action throughout the proceedings. When the bill moves over to the Senate it is known that the VFW is marshalling its forces for an all out battle, and the American Legion is also expected to take similar measures. In short, concerned and cooperative action between all veteran's units is expected in the common goal of HOUSING FOR THE VETERAN.

More definite action had not been taken by the groups before because little opposition had been expected at the outset. As a matter of fact, press releases of February 9 when the plan was announced indicated that both parties would give the plan their unqualified endorsement.

But powerful lobby groups from realty organizations throughout the country appeared on the scene along with a lot of back yard political shenanigans.

The cry of "government control" and "red tape" gathered momentum and became an overwhelming roar when joined by the cries that "private industry could do the job better if restrictions were lifted."

EXPRESSLY, in its original form the bill provided price ceil-

VET RETURNS

By Jack Soros



HAL SCHUMACHER
VETERAN RIGHTHANDER OF THE NEW YORK GIANTS BACK FROM THE SERVICE CONFIDENT OF REGAINING HIS PLACE AMONG THE TOP HURLERS IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Halleluphia!

Ex-General Presents Plan To Congress Placing GIs, Officers On Equal Basis

If H. C. Holdridge, retired brigadier-general, has his way radical changes are in store for the U. S. Army. Lashing out at what he termed "the medieval caste system," the man who had served twenty-seven years in the Army spoke before the House Military Affairs Committee last week and gave his ideas as to how to close the social gap existing between officers and enlisted men.

High on his ten-point list were these two suggestions:

1. Class all military personnel simply as "soldiers" with titles retained "for purposes of identification" only.
2. Put officers and men in identical uniforms, leaving insignia of rank as the sole means of telling them apart.

IN HIS STATEMENT to the committee, Mr. Holdridge, a Washingtonian, said existing distinctions between officers and men result in two classes in the Army—"a superior and an inferior."

tively support the program in a similar manner as soon as they convene.

Member Speaks Before Union

M/Sgt. Irwin Katz, member of Indianapolis 1, addressed the members of the Veterans Section of Local 224, UAW-CIO, on Feb. 21, '46. Sgt. Katz explained the principles of the AVC and urged all World War II veterans to join.

The speaker pointed to the active support of the National Planning Committee of the housing bill, the Wagner-Dingell-Murray bill, the National health bill and the FEPC, to emphasize that AVC was determined to make its voice heard on the leading issues of the day.

The chairman of the group urged all members to join the AVC and to aid the Indianapolis chapters in their activities.

Other points in his program: Command and authority to be based "on position of responsibility and not merely on rank."

Elimination of economic distinctions between officers and enlisted men through revision of pay schedules and equalization of allowances.

A requirement that all personnel not residing in private homes live in the same barracks and eat in the same quarters.

Abandonment of "all segregation between officers and enlisted men in places of amusement and in public."

Provision for "a clear channel of promotion from bottom to top, so any man entering as a recruit might achieve top rank . . . according to his abilities."

Revision of the Army's promotion system by providing a progressive course of training for varying levels of responsibility. West Point would be reconstituted as a graduate school.

Establishment of courses "of instruction in democracy within the Army," with all personnel being encouraged to present views on matters of national interest.

CREATION OF "a new system of military justice apart from the hierarchy of command to eliminate open and covert pressures, with experienced, permanent judges, with qualified counsel for the accused, and with juries drawn from all levels of military personnel."



A DENTIST'S NURSE in Beverly Hills, Cal., Yvonne Rob won a seven-year film contract when Talent Scout Ivan Kahn went to the dentist and then later recommended her for a screen test. Miss Rob is 5'7" tall and weighs 115 pounds. She is a native Californian.

DO WE NEED OPA?

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FLASH!

VETS HAVE CHANCE AT HOMES AS SENATE COMMITTEE ACTS

Veterans can now grab and hold on for dear life. The Senate Banking sub-committee on Tuesday, April 2, re-stored the two vital measures of the Patman Bill which President Truman has called "the very heart of the bill. Those two measures are a \$600,000,000 subsidy to make a \$6,000 home possible for veterans, and price ceilings on all dwellings now standing.

THESE TWO provisions had been knocked out by a House vote two weeks ago when Northern Republicans and Southern Democrats lined up solidly to defeat the measure.

Wilson Wyatt, national housing expediter, had promised that—with these two measures—he could promise the veteran a place to live and 2,700,000 homes in two years.

However, it was known that realty groups had some of the most powerful lobbies in Washington at that time, and exerted some of the most terrific pressure in the history of the nation's capitol. As a result the measure went down to defeat in the House and passed to the Senate.

WITH TUESDAY'S action by the sub-committee, the veteran can once again begin to dream of a shingle above his head. But dreams are not expected to solve the issue. The bill now goes before the Banking Committee for its final approval before going

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Executive Council To Meet April 7 in Michigan City

Third meeting of the Executive Council of Indiana AVC will be held in Michigan City Sunday, April 7.

This is expected to be the largest meeting to be held to date since chapters in LaPorte, Hammond, and East Chicago have been formed since the last meeting held in Bloomington five weeks ago, and it is expected that every chapter in Indiana will send delegates to the meeting.

A DEFINITE agenda has not been announced as yet by Mr. Martin Lerner, State Chairman, but it is expected that additional action will be taken in support of the Patman housing legislation presently before Congress.

In addition, definite plans will probably be formulated in support of OPA continuance past the present June deadline.

CONGRESSMAN PROMISES "BOTH BARRELS" IN SPEECH AT BANQUET

As the ticket campaign for the American Veterans Committee banquet on April 11 reared into its final week, Rep. Charles Lafollette, principal speaker told a VET VOICE reporter that he intended to give the veteran "the truth from both barrels" in speaking on the subject "After All the Veteran Is a Citizen." The banquet will be held in the Lincoln Hotel Thursday, April 11 at 7:15 p. m.

The Indiana congressman, who is a candidate for nomination for Senator from

Indiana on the Republican ticket promised, "I'm not going to pull any punches. I intend to speak straight from the shoulder about the future of the veteran and the fundamental issues with which he must be concerned to assure future peace of the country."

A TALK of this nature is expected to be of unusual interest since Mr. Lafollette is classed as a "radical" Republican for the liberal stand he has consistently taken in Congress.

Mr. Lafollette, who just returned from Florida where he represented Congress in the question of atomic control on a world-wide scale, is considered to be the champion of labor in his district of Evansville.

MR. LAFOLLETTE is engaged in a three-way fight with Senator Will and William Jenner for the Senatorial nomination. Political observers liken his position with that of Wendell Willkie in that he is a member of the Republican party but does not have the backing of the political machine.

MR. LAFOLLETTE'S appearance at the AVC dinner does not necessarily constitute an endorsement by AVC. His remarks are considered to be of definite interest to all AVC members since he has openly endorsed many of the "Statement of Intentions" advocated in the recent AVC state convention at Gary.

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Bucking For Depression

OPA to Face Fight to Exist Soon As Minority Groups Press for Ouster

The national Administration served notice last week that action was wanted on the continuance of OPA by April 30. Congress was asked to continue the OPA for at least another year past the present deadline in order to curb the rising tide of inflation.

THIS favorable action is considered to be an absolute

necessity by authorities who remember the situation following the last war when prices soared clear out of sight for the average individual. Many economists also believe that the uncontrolled situation immediately following the last war resulted in the devastating depression which occurred in 1929.

In addition, Gallup poll figures show that a vast majority of the people of the nation—those who would actually feel it most—are asking for a continuance of price control until conditions become more normal.

Nevertheless, the National Association of Manufacturers came out last week advocating that all price control be dropped. It has been reported that they, in connection with other interests, are spending \$20,000,000 in an effort to lobby and pressure against OPA. If they are not successful

in this, it is expected that they may be able to bring about compromises which would make the law highly ineffective.

TESTIFYING before the House Banking Committee, the Association's president, Robert R. Watson, said, "Only free competition can bring the kind of price control that compels producers to give the American housewife what she wants at a price she thinks is fair."

THE HOUSEWIVES had something to say in rebuttal. Groups, representing 10,000,000 housewives throughout the nation, said, in Washington before Congress that "the congress must act promptly to continue OPA for another year, and rent control for two more years. This is necessary if we are to save the nation from economic disaster."

Don't Write-Telegraph

State Head Urges Immediate Action on Housing

MARTIN LARNER, State Chairman of the American Veterans Committee, acted promptly upon receipt of the news that the Senate Banking sub-committee had reinstated the two vital provisions in the Patman Housing Bill.

The provisions called for price ceilings on existing dwellings and a \$600,000,000 subsidy for future units.

IN A STATEMENT to state papers Mr. Lerner said, "We applaud the action of the

sub-committee. This action, which is in direct opposition to the House action, is what is needed to provide homes for veterans.

The Patman Bill in its original form must be over the heads of special interest groups and lobbyists who would sabotage the measure that would give the veteran a home.

Now is the time for all veterans, whether they are AVC members or not, to wire Senators Capehart and Willis and to the Senate Banking Committee in support of the measure. The veteran must be heard on this issue."

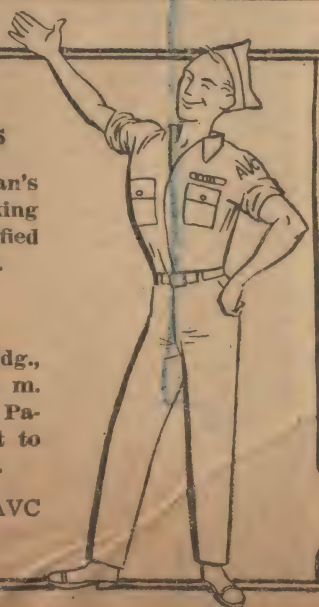
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AVC ACTIVE IN STATE AND NATION ON HOUSING, OTHER ISSUES

Terre Haute AVC to Print Results Of Housing Survey Conducted There

Taking a page from the lesson book that "it pays to advertise," the Terre Haute Chapter of AVC is planning an advertisement campaign designed to do something about Terre Haute housing conditions.

Ed Helms, of that Vigo County chapter, has announced that a complete investigation of Terre Haute dwelling units is under way and that when all data has been compiled it will be released in the form of a paid advertisement appearing in papers in that area.

ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS are

participating in the project. They are gathering such information as (1) how many dwellings are substandard (2) the media value now and how much it was in 1930 (3) the building ratio of dwellings and industrial units.

LaPorte Chapter Begins Activities Tackling Housing

Wasting little time in getting under way, the week-old LaPorte chapter of AVC began immediately to do something about housing in that community. Chairman William Gillick appointed Harold Barnhart as housing chairman, and Mr. Barnhart has contacted pre-fabricating concerns in southern Indiana and Texas. Mr. Barnhart reports that nothing definite has been evolved as yet, but was hopeful that something quite favorable in this connection might develop very soon.

Natl. AVC Chief Recognizes Legion On Similar Action

Charles G. Bolte, national chairman of American Veterans Committee, last week sent a telegram to John Stelle, national commander of the American Legion, congratulating him on the Legion support of the original Patman Bill. Citing rallies held by AVC throughout the nation in support of the subsidy provision and price ceiling measures which had been knocked out in House action, Mr. Bolte addressed the following telegram:

Mr. John Stelle,
National Commander, American Legion Headquarters,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Think it splendid that you have thrown your weight behind the veterans' housing program. The American Veterans Committee feels that your support will be helpful in achieving successful passage of the bill. I hope that we can have the closest association in this fight for decent veterans' housing.

Laporte Chapter Is Formed And Officers Elected

Laporte is the latest to join the ranks of AVC in Indiana. This move was taken Thursday, March 21, when veterans of that city met and officially applied for a charter. William Gillick, Jr., became chairman; Dale L. Kinsey, vice-chairman; Harry J. Gross,

AVC LEADS WAY

Drew Pearson, conductor of the nationally syndicated column, "Washington Merry-Go-Round" this week gave the American Veterans Committee unqualified credit for going to bat for the veteran on the Patman Housing Bill presently before Congress.

He said, "Best veterans job of 'telling' Congress on housing was done by the American Veterans Committee with the Amvets also active. Congratulations too, to John Stelle, national commander of the Legion for finally going to bat for the housing program. The Veterans of Foreign Wars were also on record favoring the bill, but weren't so active."

This marks the second nationally known columnist in less than two weeks to accord AVC recognition for its realistic fight for the Patman Bill. Tom Stokes recently gave similar mention in his columns.

secretary; Robert B. Gilreath, treasurer. All members were elected by acclamation at the meeting which was held in the local "Y". In addition, Mr. Kinsey was selected as delegate to the Executive Council meeting April 7, in Michigan City.

Gathering Laporte into the fold securely cements the position of AVC in the northwestern part of the state. It marks the third chapter of form there in less than a month, the other two being Hammond and East Chicago. These are in addition to the "old-timers", Gary, South Bend, and Michigan City.

AVC Housing Rallies Nation-wide Add Heat to Senate for Correct Action

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Chairman of Housing for the American Veterans Committee, this week announced that housing rallies in support of Wilson Wyatt's program for 2,700,000 homes were held by AVC chapters in more than a dozen states by April 1.

This action, in addition to action by other veterans groups, is considered to have been an important factor in the recent stand of the Senate Banking sub-committee, which went on record recommending passage of the Patman Bill in its original form.

THE VETERANS intend to make themselves heard on the housing issue," said Roosevelt, "and we hope that our voices will be louder than the Real Estate and Builders lobby."

If the Senators who will soon vote on Representative Patman's bill, which embodies Mr. Wyatt's program, don't listen to the veterans from coast to coast, they may find that we're not inarticulate at the polls next November."

Roosevelt cited cities in which

AVC Housing Rallies are scheduled in the next fortnight: Dallas, Tex.; Spokane, Wash.; Louisville, Ky.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Omaha, Neb.; Washington, D.C.; Baltimore, Md.; Rochester, N. Y.; Austin, Tex.; San Francisco, Cal.; Chicago, Ill., and Bridgeport, Conn. Other cities where AVC's 250 chapters are located will hold meetings and conduct "write your Senator" campaigns.

New Committee in Indp'l's No. 1 Gives Members Lectures

Something new has been added at Indianapolis AVC Chapter No. 1 meetings. The new twist is the Education Committee formed recently and headed by Eugene Fields, with Charles Fogelberg also on the Committee.

The idea of the committee is to arrange for discussion topics for each meeting, as well as speakers, and information designed to provide material on important national questions.

THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL also consider the composition of the State department, functions of the Senate Foreign Affairs committee, the UNO and specific expressions of foreign policy as they may be voiced by the State Department from time to time. They will extend over a period of approximately six months.

A panel discussion was held March 20, 1946, with the question "Should the control of Atomic Energy be vested by the UNO?" held with Mrs. Ruth Mary Ivens and Garry Ruben opposing the members of the affirmative side; Meyer Brown and Irv Katz.

The committee decided that by

organization of panels, conferences, lectures and similar activities, a program could be provided which should tend to weld Chapter One into a unit more fully cognizant of its goals as stated in the Statement of Intentions.

AVC Member on "Speak Up Indiana"



HOUSING WAS THE SUBJECT when Jim Carey, (third from left) AVC member, appeared on Radio Station WIBC in Indianapolis recently. Also representing veterans was Will Evans, (seated, right) State Adjutant for The Veterans of Foreign Wars. Others on the program were (standing, left) Charles Jacoby, city engineer, and William C. Evans, head of the Indianapolis housing committee. The men presented their views on the Indianapolis housing situation in which it was pointed out that not a single dwelling unit had been constructed in Indianapolis by the city for the veterans as of April 1.

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Pins Stuck-Up

The steady rise in prices throughout the nation hit directly at the lapels of AVC members this week when it was announced that a boosted price was necessary on AVC lapel emblems. Formerly selling for one dollar, the attractive, blue and gold insignia must now sell for \$1.25.

According to national headquarters, this 25 per cent increase became necessary when a request for exemption from the Retail Excise Tax was denied.

Record Number Unemployed Vets Shown In Indiana Jobless Pay

Report Shows 1,600,000 Vets Unemployed Through U.S.

The rapid rise of unemployed veterans continued throughout the country last week with a total of 1,600,000 former servicemen estimated to be without work. This figure has been released by "Veteran's Report and shows that as an absolute minimum of one out of every five men returning from the battlefronts of the world are now without jobs.

SO FAR, 8,000,000 have been discharged and the situation is expected to be ever more complicated by the return of 2,500,000 more by summer.

Forward March-Back

Although Indiana is twentieth among the states in population, its position on the veterans unemployed list ranges from twelfth to fourteenth. This fact has been shown in the figures just released by the state employment security division. The report shows that about 45,000 discharged Indiana veterans are now drawing unemployment benefits.

The report blamed the strike situation, row over price controls, shortage of industrial materials, and negative action by the House of Representatives as the contributing factors to this snafued condition.

In ADDITION the weights of thousands of discharged servicemen is adding to the condition.

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There have also been cases involving the unwieldy selective service provision of "sup-seniority" to veterans.

All of this has resulted in the general confusion brought about mainly when Japan faded quickly after V-E Day. As a result, the hysteria and confusion reflected itself in every channel of industry and employment.

Typical of the state of affairs according to the publication, is the nation-wide campaign only recently started by the United States Employment Service. While this is considered an excellent move, it is shown to be long overdue.

THE CAMPAIGN began only three weeks ago while the war with Japan has been over for six months.

However, the fault has not been one of government agencies alone said the report. Employers have not responded readily to their inquiries regarding job openings.

The report did strike a favorable chord when they predicted that the condition should improve "sometime late in the spring."

It listed several contributing factors for favorable development, a few of which follow:

1. The all-out program of USES designed to find job openings for

Logansport

1,290 Veterans In Cass County Wait Jobs From USES

Approximately 1,290 applications are on file with the United States employment service here from returning war veterans who have not found jobs yet, Louis F. Dolnics, USES manager, said this week.

"There is a widening gap between the number of returning veterans and the jobs listed in public employment offices that veterans can accept," Mr. Dolnics said.

Job So Nice to Come Home to



EX-ARMY CAPTAIN, John S. Cholewinski, Purple Heart veteran of four years in the Pacific, is shown on his new job as street sweeper for New York City's department of sanitation. The war hero, who married following his discharge, found, that although he had a degree in mechanical engineering, he could not obtain steady employment. Cholewinski, wounded in the same blast of enemy fire that killed Gen. Simon B. Buckner on Okinawa, comments, "I had been on the civil service list before I went into the Army, and I knew that was permanent, at least. So here I am."

the 6,000,000 unemployed persons in the U. S. today.

2. Settlement of the General Motors and General Electric strikes.

3. Indicated approval by Congress of 3,750,000 loan to Britain. This, according to experts will lead to expanded markets for American goods.

4. Action by Civil Service Commission making 1,250,000 govern-

Year's USES Adjustment Pay Totals Show Rapid Rise In Vet Unemployment

The intricate, complicated statistical machine at the Indiana Headquarters of United States Employment Service clicked overtime last month. But they didn't click merrily.

DEALING STRICTLY IN FIGURES they gave out with the blunt truth that the total of unemployed Indiana veterans is mounting daily in king-sized jumps.

For instance, during the first five weeks of 1946 a total of \$2,296,150 was received by vets in the form of Readjustment Allowances. This is almost as much as was received during the entire

52 weeks of 1945 when \$2,861,048 was the figure.

These important and significant facts and figures were gleaned from the annual totals just compiled by USES state headquarters in Indianapolis. They form a vivid picture as to the hell-bent speed with which veterans have gone back to the labor market—but not to work.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION of the figures shows that in January, 1945, when the U.S. was still very much engaged in a two-front war, 2,310 claims were filed for \$45,532.00. Less than twelve months later, in December, 1945, 56,095 claims were made for a total of \$1,116,726.

These figures continued to mount steadily, making possible the unprecedented and almost precipitous rise to the present figures which are doing business in the stratosphere.

A breakdown on the 1945 totals in some of the counties follows:

County	No.	Amt.
Marion	15,296	303,219
Lake	6,957	137,580
Vigo	5,452	108,110
St. Joseph	12,033	238,340
LaPorte	1,154	22,834

In an effort to halt the steady rise in veteran unemployment, Mr. John K. Jennings, state director of USES has asked that employers cooperate. "In order to make our work more effective," he said in speaking to employers, "please make known to us every available job you have."

ALONG THE SAME LINE, but from the opposite end of the ladder, Vet Voice is opening its columns free to veterans to advertise for jobs. This coalition of effort is one way to carve some kind of nick out of the serious job bottleneck.

"Keep USES Federal" Says Bradley As Job Aid

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, veterans administrator, said this week that one out of every five discharged servicemen quit his peace time job after a few weeks of employment.

GEN. BRADLEY said the re-employment of these veterans is an "acute emergency." He asked a senate labor subcommittee to postpone return of the U. S. employment service to state control. Such action, he said, might "throw the whole system into confusion."

South Bend

Job Rights Fight at Bendix Corp. Ends in Victory for Ex-servicemen

One of the first important cases of re-employment of veterans in Indiana under selective service rights came to an end in South Bend last week with what appeared to be a victory for ex-GIs. A majority of veterans were enabled to regain their old jobs at the Bendix corporation there through bationary requirement for senior changes in seniority rules. They ity in job switches among department have already been re-employed, Also the 90-day waiting period upon refusal or a job in a plant wide "jump" was eliminated.

THE CHANGES in the seniority rules followed several weeks of discussion in a three-way dispute involving company officials, the unions, and the ex-servicemen affected.

THE CHANGES enabling the vets to go back to work were approved by the United Auto Workers Union and include a 90 pro-

MR. STONE added that the rest of the ex-servicemen eligible for reemployment apparently had not returned to work either because they had taken other jobs or notices had not yet reached them.

Definite figures as to the total eligible or the number already reemployed are not yet available, according to Mr. Stone.

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The social phenomenon of our wartime era was that the American people exhibited a high degree of self discipline in voluntarily holding prices down in spite of inflation.

Then came the Victory for which we had all worked, fought, and sacrificed. With our minds full of the glorious pictures of the post-war world painted by the advertisers, we showed an understandable eagerness to be done with uniforms, long hours, and restrictions of any kind. We wanted to reap the rich rewards of a full peacetime production.

Industry, benefited by tax legislation and billions of dollars in reserve, staged a new kind of strike, too . . . a strike against Unionism as such . . . against any interference with their own conception of "free enterprise," which included the right to charge as much for their product as the market would bear. These strikes resulted in billions of dollars lost in production. But that's not what bothered us so much as did the lost time in getting the good things of life we wanted so badly.

We have now emerged from the recent holocaust of disastrous strikes and there may be a tendency to breathe a sigh of relief. But the danger is not yet over. In order to maintain domestic tranquillity . . . as the Constitution instructs . . . we must see to it that the buying power of a dollar stays constant until the sharp edge has been taken off the greatest national hunger for goods the country has ever known.

Leave Us Face It

About half the chapters in Indiana are slowly emerging from their first frenzied rush of activity as new organizations.

There is a startling similarity in the way this development has affected most of them. To some it may give cause for discouragement because it appears that the boys are not as steamed up as they were.

Broadly speaking there are two kinds of men needed to make an organization tick. At the outset you need men who get a bang out of starting things. Whose greatest thrill is nursing a new idea to life and breathing air into its lungs. Lets call these men the Activators.

They are the ones who naturally rise to early leadership because of the time and energy they have devoted to the outfit.

Unfortunately, some men of this type have no patience with routine and unexciting committee work, with the sometimes embarrassing task of money raising, with the heart-breaking job of lighting fires under other members who are inclined to coast.

When the chapter reaches the state of development where a crisis is not occurring every five minutes you can expect the Activators to slide from view with a regretful sigh that things aren't as much fun as they used to be.

When this happens it is time for each chapter to indulge in thorough self-searching for a new type. For lack of a better word, let's call them the Long Range boys . . . the men of stability and vision who are committed by conviction and long experience to the progressive cause. These men are cautious without being obstructionist, they are realistic without being cynical, they are wise without being pedantic.



To prevent further strikes, PRICE CONTROL MUST BE MAINTAINED and strengthened so that the recent wage increases in industry are not dissipated by rising prices . . . thus laying the foundation for a new wave of strikes.

If you want a new car, some new clothes, and a thick, juicy steak you must make it possible for the next guy to enjoy the same. Only strict control over prices can assure that.

Get behind your Representative, your Senator . . . and PUSH.

Army Must Let Men Gripe

In the last issue these pages carried comment on the Army's restrictive policy in Tokyo of not allowing editors of that edition of Stars and stripes to sound off in criticism of their superiors. They were to have no voice in their own Army.

Last week the same reactionary, antiquated thinking of Army brass traveled halfway around the world. The more miles it traveled, the more restrictions, threats, and club wielding it took on. It landed full force in Europe.

Lt. General John C. H. Lee, who probably got more cussing from GIs out of ear range than any other top side big-wig for his c----- s---, was his usual self.

Acting in the same manner in which he had tried and failed to get Bill Mauldin's "Willie and Joe" snuffed out, he demanded that all squawks sent into "Mail Call," the gripe column, be screened for printing.

In Berlin, commanders took a similar step. They would allow the letters to be printed, but the name, address and unit of the individual must be printed as well.

We must not allow our Army to slip back into the laziness and indolence that was fostered before the war. Whether it was deserved or not, the popular synonyms for "soldier" then was "bum."

One of the most vital ways to avert that is to have an alert, aggressive, free-thinking military composed of men who can have their gripes aired publicly. THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM SUCH A SYSTEM. Abraham Lincoln saw the issue clearly when he said, "GIVE THE PEOPLE THE FACTS AND THE COUNTRY WILL BE SAVED." The same set of ideals applies to our Army.



The Solution to Vet Housing

By FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Jr.

Chairman of Housing, American Veterans Committee

All over America there is a desperate hunt by returned veterans for the most basic security of life—a home. In wiping out the Patman Housing Bill price control and premium payments to stimulate building materials production, the House of Representatives has passed a measure which will supply housing to the nation—but it is housing that veterans will be unable to rent or purchase.

In stabbing at the heart of the Veterans Emergency Housing Program, initiated by National Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt and incorporated in the Patman Bill, the House of Representatives has YIELDED TO THE BIGGEST SPECIAL-INTERESTS LOBBY SEEN IN WASHINGTON FOR TWENTY YEARS. The voices and very real needs of the men who gave up their homes to fight for this country have been ignored.

By the end of 1946 there will be well over three million families searching in vain for homes of their own. IF THE PRESENT RATE OF HOME BUILDING CONTINUES FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, THERE WILL THEN BE EIGHT MILLION FAMILIES HOMELESS. These are appalling figures.

It is a matter of record that in six weeks a city for 75,000 persons was built and opened for people at work on the atomic bomb in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Many of the veterans who have built bridges, laid airstrips, and erected buildings, and know how fast buildings can be put up are asking, "If we could do it in war, why can't it be done for us now? This is an emergency, too."

The Wyatt Housing Plan to build 2,700,000 homes in two years will not take housing out of the hands of private enterprise. On the contrary, it calls for private industry, not government, to produce the greatest number of new homes this country has ever seen—decent homes within the range of prices veterans can afford. We of the American Veterans Committee are supporting that program.

It is the only immediate way to solve a scandalous housing shortage. The program has received the endorsement of the President, the veterans, the National Home Builders of America, AS WELL AS THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

To achieve a goal of 2,700,000 decent homes for our veterans by the end of 1947, the Wyatt Veterans Emergency Housing Program is dependent upon two factors, both of which were incorporated in the Patman Bill, and both of which were stricken out of the Bill by the House of Representatives. Those factors are:

FIRST, PRICE CONTROLS: Price controls on existing housing must be maintained to prevent any further rises in the sale price of homes. Once a house is sold, the selling price would become the ceiling price for the duration of the emergency. Such a restriction would prevent speculators from buying up homes and selling them at a profit to the desperate veterans who are looking for places to live.

SECONDLY, PREMIUM PAYMENTS: This vital provision of the Wyatt program, which the House voted out of the Patman Bill, is a method of stimulating production of scarce building materials by subsidy payments, at the same time preventing higher costs which would otherwise be passed on to the veteran or any purchaser of a home. This premium payments, or subsidy plan, would cost only \$600 MILLION — ONLY ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF ONE PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE WAR, OR ABOUT TWO DAYS' COSS.

The present housing crisis is not something which has developed overnight. It has been building up for the last fifteen years. Now the price of homes is already too high. It is the estimate of the National Housing Authority that 84 percent of the veterans can not afford to pay rent of more than \$50 a month, or to buy a home for more than \$6,000.

We, of the American Veterans Committee, are working to insure passage in the Senate of the Wyatt provisions in the Patman Housing Bill. Congress has been hearing only one side of the story—that of the special-interests lobbyists.

Now is the time for the UNHOUSED VETERANS OF THIS WAR, and the public, to tell their Senators the other side, and to support the Wyatt-plan—the greatest attempt thus far to solve the housing problem.

I urge you to send a postcard, letter or telegram to your Senators immediately. If the Congress is to be responsive to the desires and needs of the people, it is up to the people to tell Congress what they think and what they want.

Guest Voice:

Mr. John Henry Zuver, Sr., Editor of The Mirror in South Bend,

Indiana, Speaks Out With a Lot of Plain Talk on

Ed. Note: Mr. Zuver, in addition to being editor of his paper, also is its publisher. He is a familiar figure in northern Indiana newspaper circles where his own particular hell-raisin', wide-open style of writing has made fire-eaters by choice of every one of his readers.)

"AMERICANISM! I'm biting off a mouthful that takes—and can stand—a powerful lot of chew-in'. Americanism, broadly speaking, is pretty much everything and anything. Americanism is based on freedom guarded by law.

In America every man is a fraction of a king. That every man is a king wasn't original with Huey Long; he mimicked an exaggeration. "We the people," not the states, nor any fraction of the people, ordained and established the constitution of the United States. That makes us all sovereigns, all, not any one. People is a collection of persons.

Americanism, then, is what the people think, want, and order done; the majority of the people—and there are no legitimate strings on their thoughts or wants. However, they must proceed to execution according to certain prescribed forms—which the people have themselves adopted. That is what we call law.

Americanism is government by law; laws enacted by the people's representatives. I said, "representatives," not chosen "dictators." Generally our representatives apply for the job on some sort of platform expressing what they will do if they are hired.

That is representative democracy; wherefore we have a democratic republic; republic in form, democratic at base. Everything proceeds from below up.

THERE WERE republics before our. Rome had one, but it was at first oligarchic, then aristocratic, rather than democratic at base; the kind Alexander Hamilton wanted us to have.

First the royalty, later the patricians, made the

nominations from among themselves, and the people took their choice. Hamilton would have founded the American Republic on the Almighty Dollar—limited it to tax-payers.

We have a considerable element here in America who continue to agree with Hamilton. Somebody sometime dubbed them the "economic royalty,"—for of marrying them off to the Roman concept.

VERY WELL, it is good Americanism to let them think, even preach that way, so long as they don't try to put it over by anarchistic or illegitimate means. By the same token their opponents are just as American in the opposition—particularly since they are holding onto the American way, as is.

Tradition! It has a certain relationship to Americanism but is only a phase of it. The non-conformist, too, can be a perfectly good American so long as he non-conforms decently. We have overthrown many a tradition here in America. Slavery was once traditionally proper. We went to war to overthrow that one. We have also abandoned the tradition that Washington couldn't tell a lie.

Religion! We have an American religion; it is the religion of freedom. Back there in 1789, when "We, the people" were ordaining and establishing our constitution, a score of sects put in their claim that they should be our national church. It looked as though religious rancor was going to prevent the "more perfect union."

THEREFORE, they threw all of them out of the window, abolished religious tests, and in our bill of rights, declared that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of a religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"—always construed to mean, as long as it doesn't interfere with other men's rights, or run counter to the worshipper's own civic duties.

Therefore, the American religion embraces all churches, all faiths, and at the same time leaves them all to themselves. You can be atheist or ortho-

dox, or whatever lies between; and still worship at the American shrine. That is Americanism. It is just as American to doubt as it is to devotee.

But capitalism! Ah there is the big Americanism that we hear most about these days. Scared at its own shadow, capitalism is going to have itself established as the sole and exclusive American way, yes, not only of life, but of death, and if not; well, it talks sometimes as though it were going to revolt.

We hear a lot about subversive influences; Congress has a committee working on them, as though capitalism were something to be constitutionally guarded—though today it is defying our free economy with its own kind of strikes.

TRUE, THE CONSTITUTION recognizes the right of private property, exempts it from public use save by due process of law, and guards it from search and seizure without warrant. Too, about 80 per cent of our statutes have to do with property rights, and property subjugations, but capitalism isn't sovereign even over that. We began pecking away at "free private enterprise" for abusing its freedom to the disadvantage of the commonweal long before the New Deal entered into the fray.

How about the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, Interstate Commerce Commission, and so on.

Americanism! It is quite Mother Hubbard; covers everything, touches nothing—or in reverse, Miss Negligee, that touches everything and covers nothing.

American freedom, which is Americanism at its best, and worst, approaches just that. We are inherently liberal. "The greatest good for the greatest number" is Americanism nearest to its full.

EACH OF US surrenders to our fellows that portion of our individualism that is necessary to enable us to dance the psalms of life without stepping on each other's toes. That is civilization; being civil to one another. And it is the basic philosophy of Americanism.

About Washington

Through the eyes of
Senator Waldorf Grouse

Last Friday the Senate pulled something that must have made the builders of our Constitution waitz sadly in their graves. What I refer to is the 43-31 vote which attached a farm parity rider to the bill designed to raise the national minimum wage from 40c per hour to 65c.

When they brought the news of this vote to me down at McGovern's Pool Emporium, I was chagrined. Had I known the vote was coming that day, I'd at least have made the vote 43-32.

THE INCREASE in farm parity would add approximately \$4,000,000,000 to the annual food bill for consumers, an increase of about 15%. This move is obviously in direct opposition to the administration's price policy.

Only one half hour before my colleagues voted for the amendment, the President sent a message saying that he would veto the minimum wage bill if the parity amendment were attached to it. All of us knew that the President favored the minimum wage increase.

Back in 1787 when our Constitution was drawn up, Ben Franklin, James Madison and the rest of them knew there would be differences of opinion between executive and legislature, and made provision for settlement of those differences.

They decided that the President should have the right to veto action taken by Congress, but that the President's veto could be overridden by a two-thirds vote in both houses of Congress. This provision stands unamended today.

IN THAT provision there was obviously no intention of defying both the President AND the majority of Congressmen. It was just one of many checks and balances set up among the various branches of our government.

By their vote last Friday, 43 Senators defied the intent, if not the letter, of our Constitution. They saw the probability of passage of a bill which they opposed, and used the tried and true method of attaching an obviously impossible "rider" to the bill as a means of killing the bill even if the majority favored the original, undiluted measure.

ALL IN ALL the conduct of these Senators was little better than a filibuster. Their purpose and accomplishment were the same, namely to somehow circumvent the process of a constitutional majority rule. This "rider" method is neither as spectacular nor as obvious as the filibuster, and it is therefore more insidious.

While we are on the subject, let me say a word about the minimum wage. The present minimum of 40c per hour means that individuals working 40 hours per week all year can make as little as \$32 per year. The 65c per hour minimum would insure at least \$1,352 per year.

The new minimum wage would affect several millions of people who are now working for a wage which, all people who have studied the matter agree, is inadequate to keep body and soul together. Limiting the minimum wage to 55c per hour would bring a yearly income of \$1,104, still a totally inadequate wage.

BE WHETHER or not you are in favor of raising the minimum wage, the parity amendment was just as sensible as amending legislation for veterans housing to include removal of price ceilings on diapers.

(Ed's note: Senator Capehart of Indiana was one of those who voted for the parity amendment. Senator Willis' vote was apparently not recorded, but he is known to favor the low minimum of 55 cents on wages.)

Letters to The Editor

WE CARRY THE TORCH

Dear Editor:

Do not confine your publication to veterans only. Give us all a break. I am a Republican, but I am out to get every Republican and Democrat in Congress and the Senate who has been unfair to the Veteran, OPA and price control.

I say I am a Republican. I mean I was. Yes, it's the Northern Republicans and Southern Democrats who killed the Veterans housing bill. They are trying to kill OPA and price control and give us a 10 cent dollar. Gentlemen, I am not a Communist nor a Red. I take my political creed from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and expect his "of the people, by the people, for the people" to mean something more than just a lot of hot air.

Let's keep the Democrat and Republican parties. But let's root out every damned dishonest one of them. And by the same token I am interested in your organization only so long as you are honest, and continue to want decent men in our Congress.

I have noticed recently the mention your paper and your organization received in Tom Stokes national column regarding the attack against those responsible for killing the housing measure. Therefore, I am enclosing a dollar and ask that you place me on your mailing list.

Continue to advocate better things for the people, and blast those who would destroy it—Democrats and Republicans alike.

Very respectfully yours,
George L. Evans
1138 Mission Street
San Francisco, Calif.

STOP BUYING IS ANSWER

Dear Editor:

We have noticed your paper, and are gratified at the play you have given OPA. But you haven't gone far enough. The way OPA is at present is the source of much disappointment and disillusionment for those of us who have worked for the continuation of Price Control.

The price line is not being held. Apparently Paul Porter is no Chester Bowles, and small minority groups must be at work, and successfully, too. Every day, the OPA is raising prices. Price ceilings are being removed from one item after another until the price control features exist in name only.

But OPA must be continued. However this catering to pressure groups and hedging all along the line must stop. Ninety percent of the American people are working for the same wages they received before the war, and living costs are up forty percent. You fellows coming back to the labor markets are in most cases not getting a wage that

Kindness Pays Off



TO EX-SERVICEMAN James Kilpatrick, 26, of Glendale, Cal., it was everyday kindness to share his Army coffee and cakes from home with a hungry old French lady; but that kindness so impressed Mme. Jeanne Marchal, 83, of Baccarat, France, whose seven sons were killed by the Nazis, that she willed Kilpatrick \$50,000 before her death last January. The bequest was totally unexpected to Kilpatrick who will use it to study music.

can stand these price raises.

In view of all this, something must be done. New York has organized a House Wives League and last week recognized Price Control Week. They recognize that it is a community responsibility—and more power to 'em. That's the secret. The way to stop this inflationary pressure is to make the weight of your veterans organization felt. Get behind a movement to "Stop Buying" until prices come down.

Force government officials to mean what they say when they shout "hold the line," and insist that industry co-operate by turning out the goods at that level.

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Platter Chatter FOR YOU JIVE HOUNDS

The Record Business is still whooping it up. While the established companies are putting out pop tunes, the little boys are grabbing a lot of the good sidemen and putting out these tunes that are ordinarily heard only in 52nd street clubs—and at a terrific price.

WILLIE SMITH, for instance, is on three new releases and under three different labels. He backs up **Dinah Shore** on **HERE I GO AGAIN**.

For my money it's Willie's horn that makes the record and if you like Dinah's work, you've really got something. It's a **Columbia** 36943.

AND NOW Willie branches out with **Corky Corcoran** on **MINOR BLUES—Keynote 621** and **LOVE FOR SALE** with the Double Quintet combo—**Fran-Tone 2005**. These, by the way, are strictly for lovers of the art.

THE BEST record is Krupa's **YESTERDAYS—Columbia 36931**. Charlie Ventura has never sounded better and makes it a choice record. For fine tenor work, get this one.

IN THE COMMERCIAL field **Dick Haymes** teams with **Helen Forrest** for a beautiful **IN LOVE IN VAIN—Decca 23528**. Natch they both sing fine and, what with having good background music—notice especially the flute and oboe—they make good listening.

AND THEN the groaner—Bing always manages to come up with a big leaguer. This time it's **WE'LL GATHER LILACS—23510**. Nothing needs to be said about it other than it's all Crosby. On the bottom side is **I'LL BE YOURS**.

This should interest those of you who were in France. All those little orchestras at transient messes were playing it under the title of **J'Attendrai**—sounds much better by Bing.

THIS ONE isn't in the stores yet, but they'll probably have it by next week. It's **Woody Herman's HAPPINESS IS JUST A THING CALLED JOE**.

They V disked it about a year ago and it turned out to be one of the finest things they've done, so what could be better than to record it commercially. The line falls in on the right.

Here's something for the "cats." **Bert White**, an Indianapolis musician, is putting up his collection for sale. His stuff is listed and includes some Original Dixieland Band, Biederbeck, etc. Prices are at current list.

You can contact him at **Pearson Music Co.** in Indianapolis. Here's a chance to add to your collection.

HERE'S a good note to wind up on. A new record outfit is going under the name of **Independent Record Producers** and on the label in bold print will be **I R P ! !** With that kind of a handle I wonder if **Lombardo** is recording for them. —DONALD WINTIN

THE LONG HAIR GROOVES

Here are some selections in the classical field.

ALEXANDER NEVSKY (Prokofiev). Some time before the Nazis turned on Russia the Russians had made a wonderful and prophetic movie about the hero, Alexander Nevsky. Prokofiev wrote some of the most stirring music ever written for a movie background. Later he took this music and arranged it in cantata form for Orchestra, Chorus and Soprano.

The latter part of last year Columbia recorded this music with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Westminster Choir, and Jeannie Tourtel as soloist. The recording is excellent, the music even more stirring and exciting than it was in the movie. Columbia Album MM-580 contains five records.

CONCERTO NO. 1 IN G MINOR (Bruch). A good many years ago, when Menuhin was a child prodigy, he recorded this concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra. It was an outstanding recording of its time.

Now with his genius mature he has remade this exciting concerto with the San Francisco Symphony, Monteux conducting. The recording is superb, the surfaces fair. It has all the melody of Tchaikowsky and a great deal more fire. Victor Album MM-1035 on four records.

KIDDIE RECORDS—The finest set ever produced, to this reviewer's knowledge, is a two-record album on plastic (unbreakable) made by Cosmo entitled "Tubby the Tuba." The narrator is Victor Jory and he is assisted by a fine symphony orchestra. It has an interesting kiddie story with some music appreciation that is very subtle and very fine. A sample, "The violins play the dance and throw it to the flutes saying, 'Catch.' 'We've got it,' say the flutes," and this is done throughout the story until almost the entire orchestra has been identified and played in solo. There is no better way for a child, or grown-up either, to learn music appreciation.

LA FORZA DEL DESTINO—

OVERTURE (Verdi). Some collectors collect overtures and here is one for the books. Toscanini is perhaps best known for his conducting of opera scores, especially Verdi. Here he lets himself go and winds up with a wonderful recording that will cause the record shops to sell out too frequently until they realize what they have—then they'll reorder in quantities. It is tops for overture recordings. Victor single 11-8925.

If you have any questions regarding records or anything connected with records, just drop a line. If it is of general interest we will try to include it in this column, in any event you'll get a prompt reply. —ERNEST HERBERLEIN.

If Majority Rule—Then OPA Continues

With a fight looming on continuance of OPA in face of growing pressure from lobbying groups, the Gallup Poll released the following information following a recent survey:

	FOR	AGAINST
White collar workers.....	80%	20%
Professional and businessmen.....	67%	33%
Manual workers.....	67%	33%
Farmers.....	60%	40%

IN ADDITION, representatives of Housewife Leagues throughout the country, asserting membership of 10,000,000 women, went before Congress last week and demanded continuance of OPA for another year.

Does the majority rule?

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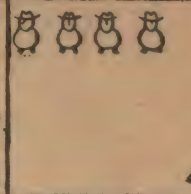
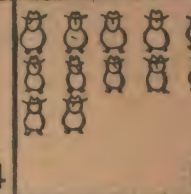
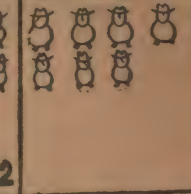

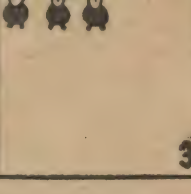
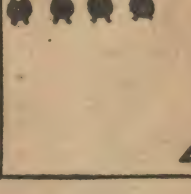



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How Senators Line Up on Loan to Britain

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	 3	 4	 2	 19	 11

Source: United Press Survey

Results of a United Press survey to determine how the members of the U. S. Senate stand on the proposed \$3,750,000,000 British loan. Most interesting fact is that 57 Senators don't seem to have been able to make up their minds.

—Happenings On The National Scene—

Coverage for Twenty Million More Is Plea of Social Security Chief

Chairman A. J. Altmeyer of the social security board last week recommended expansion of the old-age and survivors insurance programs to cover most gainfully employed persons now excluded, including approximately 7,000,000 agricultural and domestic workers.

He estimated 21,000,000 gainfully employed, including 10,000,000 self-employed, now are excluded from the social security program.

Such a move as this, which is obviously intended to provide more old age security to members of low income groups, is another step along the lines advocated by AVC in the "statement of intentions."

ALTMAYER made his recommendations to the house ways and means committee as it began hearings on proposals to broaden the social security program as recommended by President Truman last September.

The social security chairman proposed that a stamp-book system be set up to collect contributions from agricultural and do-

mestic workers.

"Under such a system each employee would receive a stamp book in which stamps would be

placed by his employer to evidence contributions made by the employer and the worker," he said.

A similar program could be adapted to the self-employed, he said, and eventually to the "bulk" of the other gainfully employed now excluded.

SEN. PEPPER SEASONS DEBATE WITH HOT FIGURES ON WAGES

Speaking on behalf of the 65 cent an hour minimum wage bill presently on its way to being weakened to a 55 cent an hour measure, Senator Claude Pepper (D. Fla.) said, "I think we will all agree that at the very most, industrial wages did not raise more than 75 percent during the period from 1929 to 1944.

SPEAKING ON THE FLOOR of the Senate, he then went on to present the following figures from a table that had been compiled on national income during representative periods:

WAGE-EARNERS INCOME	
1929—\$47,500,000,000	1939—\$39,000,000,000
1933—\$24,200,000,000	1944—\$84,000,000,000
SAVINGS BY CORPORATIONS	
1929—\$ 1,300,000,000	1944—\$ 5,400,000,000

MR. PEPPER said, "There was an increase of more than 44 percent in corporate savings between 1929 and 1944."

Water, Water

Lid of 55 Cents About to be Clamped On the 65 Cent Minimum Wage Bill

The AVC supported 65 cent minimum wage bill before Congress appeared headed for the familiar "watering" treatment this week Senate leaders opposing the bill at that level were reported to be forcing a compromise at a 55 cent figure. Senators Allen J. Ellender, (D. La.) and Joseph Ball, (R. Minn.) were indicated as those spearheading the 55 cent proposal. A "Senate source" indicated that this would probably be the action taken.

Reference Material

Senator Raymond Willis, who has hopes of receiving the Senatorial nomination from Indiana in June said last week, "A 65 cent an hour minimum would be unfair to small businesses," and then included "many persons now happily employed."

Indiana's senior senator took the floor to advocate a minimum wage of 55 cents instead.

The list of those seeking the compromise is composed primarily of northern Republicans and Southern Democrats. They are said to feel that the farm-price

boosting amendment sponsored by Sen. Richard D. Russell (D. Ga.) could be knocked out if the 65 cent figure were lowered.

President Truman has served notice that he will veto the bill if it should reach his desk with the Russell Amendment still attached. (For more information see "Washington" column, page 5. Ed. note.)

The United American Veterans asked Senator Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., to support a \$10,000,000 federal appropriation to provide jobs for veterans. Officers of the organization presented a petition urging that the money be used to finance public works projects and provide jobs.

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Special Board Appointed



Special Board appointed to probe alleged charges of a "caste system" in the Army, has its first meeting at the Pentagon in Washington. Front row, left to right, are Capt. Adna H. Underhill, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, chairman. Standing, left to right, T/Sgt. Jake Lindsay, Lt. Gen. Troy H. Middleton and Sgt. Merrill N. Frost. (International).

ARMY TO CHANGE ITS WAY OF LIVIN'

GI's to Get Break In Courts Martial In New Army Setup

Soldiers letters to the Stars and Stripes in Europe complained long and loud throughout the war—and after—that enlisted men were not getting a fair break when it came to court martials.

Last week it paid dividends. Secretary of War Patterson announced that the Army court martial procedure was in for an overhauling and that the "caste system" of it was on its way out.

The present way of doing things has been unchanged in a quarter of a century and Patterson said, "The War Department is out to devise the most efficient, just way of providing military justice."

PATTERSON appointed a civilian board of nine prominent judges and lawyers to look into grievances. Complaints mostly have been to the effect that G.I.s were getting the Book thrown at them for things that officers were getting by with frequently.

Other complaints were that the system permits only officers to act as judges, prosecutors, and defense council at courts martial.

BOTH THE ARMY and the Navy have appointed boards to review the sentences of prisoners still in custody. Some of these terms are known to be from 40 to 75 years, and many are for comparatively minor infractions of regulations.

It Ain't Possible

Officer-GI Distinction is to End As All 'Spruce Up' in Same Uniform

The Army took one of its most radical steps in history last week. It took the first long, lengthy step toward placing the Army on a more democratic basis by ordering that all distinctions in uniform between officers and enlisted men would end in 1948. The only difference will be in insignia.

used in enlisted men's clothing. Both will wear battle jackets and trousers of the olive drab now

New regulations contemplate also the adoption of a blue uniform for dress occasions, if possible at the same time.

THE NEW BLUES, and also summer khaki uniforms will be without the existing distinctions between ranks.

The order followed by only three days Secretary of War Patterson's appointment of a group to recommend any changes necessary for "building a citizen's Army."

They involve outlawing by June 30, 1948, of the multi-colored style mixture of forest green shirts, blouses, jackets and pink trousers.

ALSO TO BE abandoned are various types of long and short overcoats. These will be supplanted by a combination overcoat and raincoat with a detachable lining.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated the proposed adoption of a blue dress uniform. He suggested its wear in Germany to distinguish American personnel from the French, displaced per-

sons and others whose basic garb was American GI.

Under the same policy, the War Department said, military personnel would not be authorized to don civilian clothing as long as there was any substantial element of competition for supplies.

Senate Group Sets Deadline For Draft Vote

The senate military committee this week set April 9 as the deadline for a vote on whether to extend the draft law and, if so, for how long.

Meantime, it will hold hearings on the need for continued inductions. These probably will begin Thursday with selective service, Army and Navy officials as the witnesses. Opponents will be heard later.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) proposed the April 9 deadline, with public hearings, after the committee had split evenly Tuesday over a move to extend the draft six weeks with public hearings on whether the draft should be continued longer than that.

does not enter into the picture is needed."

Asked about his opinion on the type of Army needed, Gen. Holdbridge advocated "a small, mobile force full of highly trained technicians who would be specialists. These men would receive pay commensurate with their responsibilities and with what the job would pay in civilian life."

Ending up his blast against present-day Army practices, General Holdbridge said, "More conscientious objectors should be released from the Army. Only 25% have been released to date and they deserve a better break."

GENERAL HOLDBRIDGE appeared in Indianapolis under the sponsorship of the Church Federation and spoke against military conscription. He believes that the atomic bomb has outlawed itself by its very terrible destructive powers and thus will serve to outlaw war as our only way to preserve the world.

West Point Grad Puts Bee on Army For Ideas in Vet Voice Interview

Brig. General H. C. Holdridge, West Point graduate and one of the most outspoken critics of the Army's way of doing things was in Indianapolis last week.

General Holdridge, who recently testified before the Senate of

the U. S. was interviewed by a VET VOICE reporter in his room at the Spink Arms Hotel and said, "If we believe in Democracy, we must practice it in the Army. The way for us to get maximum efficiency in our Army is not through iron-clad discipline, but rather through a system of understanding and mutual cooperation." Gen. Holdridge then went on to say that "present concepts of discipline in the Army are throw-backs to the feudal system. They no longer apply."

THE GENIAL, smiling, soft-spoken general who retired from the Army in 1944 then went on to elaborate upon points he advocated in his recent appearance before the Senate. He said, "We need far less distinction between officers and enlisted men. A new setup in court procedure where the Commanding Officer of a unit

A Bong Model



MRS. MARJORIE BONG pretty young widow of Maj. Richard Bong, one of the nation's top-ranking war aces who was killed in a test flight last August, is shown touching up a bit before the camera as she starts a modeling career in Hollywood. The young widow, standing 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing 125 pounds, has honey-colored hair and azure blue eyes.

WARD 20

By JAMES WARNER BELLAH

About a year ago James Warner Bellah, distinguished free talker and writer who had served in both recent wars, completed an unusual manuscript on the general subject of life in an Army hospital. Mr. Bellah didn't pull any punches.

THE MANUSCRIPT of WARD 20 was promptly accepted and the publishers went their way making plans for its distribution.

But somewhere along that tortuous way an Army representative horned in and so frightened everyone connected with the venture that it was promptly shelved. However, a few copies reached the public and the fat was in the fire.

Peace has now rescued WARD 20. Publishers are no longer frightened of brass and Double-

day and Company have purchased Mr. Bellah's screed and have released under their imprint.

It's hard to determine now just what all the fuss was about. The book has received considerable praise in some quarters, turned an occasional stomach, and was described by one reviewer as "just among the limbless."

WHAT MAIMED soldiers in Service hospitals think about when they see a pretty girl is pretty much what other men think about—only more so. There isn't any cure for the problem Mr. Bellah describes in this novel.

But having the matter brought to our attention (and perhaps to the attention of those whose job it is to minister to the crippled veteran) may well stir us to action. If not action, at least we won't forget the guys to whom the matter of housing is no problem.

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CURRENT LEGISLATION

HOUSING

The Patman bill, HR 4761, embodying Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt's plan for premium payments and ceilings on existing homes, was dismembered in the House. Provisions for the subsidies and ceilings on old homes were eliminated. Ceilings on new homes were left in. The bill passed by a big majority after the Republicans and most Southern Democrats cut the heart out of it, at the insistence of the real estate lobby. It is now in the Senate where the administration hopes the subsidies and ceilings on existing houses will be restored.

AVC ACTION:

A steady flow of letters must continue until actual passage in the Senate. Rallies and telegrams should be planned just before debate begins. Specify the Wyatt Housing program.

PRICE CONTROL

OPA is due to expire June 30 unless HR 5270 is passed, which extends OPA until June 30, 1947. There is already much opposition to this bill, and committee hearings before the Banking and Currency Committee are now being held. Mayor O'Dwyer of New York was the latest to testify in favor of it. The House Postwar Economic Policy Committee has recommended "modified" extension of the Price Control Act. Modified extension would mean some increase in prices and an "improved" administration of OPA.

AVC ACTION:

Save Price Control now. Oppose specifically cuts in the appropriations for the OPA and the CPA (Civilian Production Administration). Write or wire Rep. Brent Spence (D., Ky.), chairman of

House Banking and Currency Committee, or Paul Porter, head of OPA.

MINIMUM WAGE

Senate bill 1349, to provide a 65c hourly minimum wage, has been reported favorably by the Labor and Education Committee and will reach the floor soon. The minority report calls for a 55c minimum.

AVC ACTION:

Write your Senator favoring the majority committee report. Senator Willis of Indiana has come out for a 55 cent limit. If you favor the higher minimum, wire him to change stand.)

LABOR

The Senate Labor and Education Committee has rejected the Case bill, passed by the House, but it will report some kind of a labor bill. When it does, it is probable that the Ball-Hatch (S 1171), the Lea (HR 5117), and the Ellender (S 1661) bills will be offered on the floor as amendments. All are regarded as anti-labor.

AVC ACTION:

Though the Case Bill was killed in committee, effort must be made to keep amendments embodying anti-labor action from being added to whatever bill is reported out. Support should be given to Senators Murray and Morse who have suggested that full investigation be made of the breakdown of collective bargaining since V-J Day.

STATE DEPARTMENT

The Bloom bill in the House, providing for an International Information and Cultural Affairs program within the State Department, is bottled up in the Rules Committee. It has passed the Foreign Affairs Committee. The President and Secretary

Byrnes regard this bill important to world peace and understanding.

AVC ACTION:

Write or wire Rep. Sabath, (D., Ill.), Chairman of the House Rules Committee, to free this bill from committee and allow its consideration. Opposition strategy will be to pare down State Department cultural relations by cutting appropriation below workable amount needed.

EMPLOYMENT

President Truman recently signed the Employment Act of 1946 which sets up a three-man commission to study the possible extent of employment by private enterprise and make budget recommendations to provide for government employment (public works programs, etc.) to "maintain maximum possible employment." AVC backed this and testified in the House and Senate in favor of it.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee on social security are continuing.

Chairman Arthur Altmeyer of the Social Security Board recommended major changes in the OASI program, including (1) raising the annual wage base from \$3,000 to \$3,600; (2) extension of coverage to agricultural workers, the self-employed, employees of religious, educational and other non-profit organizations, and federal, state and local government employees; (3) reducing to 60 years the age limit at which women may qualify for retirement; (4) protection for veterans who have lost status in the system because of service in the armed forces.

Note To Bobby Soxers

Lafollette Receives Endorsement From High-powered Artistic Group

Representative Charles M. LaFollette, principal speaker for the American Veterans Committee banquet to be held April 11, at Lincoln Hotel got a big push along the line in his campaign for the Senatorial nomination last week when he received the endorsement of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Most Photogenic



VOTED the "nation's most photogenic girl" by the Society of Photographic Illustrators in New York, Korky Kelly, 19-year-old blonde of Toledo, O., is guaranteed at least \$5,000 in model fees for a year as first prize. She won over 5,000 others.

THE COMMITTEE'S Washington headquarters said its support of Representative LaFollette is part of a national program which it hopes will elect "liberal, progressive candidates and defeat reactionary obstructionists." Committee spokesmen said the full resources of the organization would be thrown into the fight.

Mr. LaFollette spoke out last week for Congressional reform.

He said, "there is a definite need for more freedom, liberty and economic freedom."

The Evansville representative who is waging a hot, three-cornered fight for the Senatorial nomination on the Republican ticket, spoke at Bloomington and said, "There is far too little progressive thinking in the Congress today."

Mr. LaFollette, who has been called a "radical" in Republican ranks, went on to explain that any change in the set-up must come from within the parties themselves, and that a third party would only lead to "chaos."

SOME OF THESE resources, available under the committee's plan to help boom the chosen candidates are Charley Boyer, Hazel Scott, Frank Sinatra, Olivia de Havilland, James Cagney, Bill Mauldin, Eddie Cantor, Duke Ellington, Edna Ferber, Lillian

Hellman and Carl van Doren. THESE AND OTHERS from the committee's membership of 10,000 artists, actors, writers and scientists may take the stump for approved candidates. The committee also plans to introduce short radio talks and campaign literature featuring the membership into the campaigning.

LaFollette

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PRESENTING Mr. LaFollette at the banquet will be Mrs. Harriet Stout, ex-service woman, and prominent Indianapolis business woman. Tickets for the affair are available at State Headquarters of AVC, 305 Inland Bldg., Rm. 4481, or may be reserved by mail. Membership in AVC is not necessary.

Vets Have

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on the Senate floor for a vote. It is now that veterans must be heard on the issue. Senators Capehart and Willis of Indiana must know how the veteran feels on this matter, as well as the Senate Banking Committee. And the veteran alone can tell them.

The American Veterans Committee, which has been leading the fight for passage of this bill in its original form, urges all veterans to take action immediately by wiring Capehart, Willis, and the Banking Committee demanding passage of the measure. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, who also have stood solidly with AVC on this measure are expected to urge all their members to take similar action.

May We Suggest . . .



Yes, we believe in suggestions, especially when it comes to food. It pays to eat in a restaurant where only the best food is served and served inefficiently.

We cordially invite you to try our excellent cuisine at either lunch time or dinner time. Our aim is to please you and we know that you will be pleased when you eat at the Canary Cottage. So we suggest . . .

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VET HOUSING GETS TOP SPOT AS CPA MOVES IN INDIANA

Veterans' housing in Indiana was given a shot in the arm this week with the announcement that Civilian Production Administration headquarters have been set up in Indianapolis. This means that the recent order limiting all industrial building until the present housing crisis is solved now has the teeth necessary to implement the order throughout Indiana.

Experiencing a housing shortage of its own, the CPA finally found office space three weeks after the Washington order and began to function full time on April 16 at 317 Kreske Bldg.

MR. ALBERT O. EVANS, Industrial Consultant in the capitol city, is District Manager and to him will go the job of acting upon all building permits throughout Hoosierdom.

Every bit of construction above \$1,000 on commercial buildings and \$15,000 on industrial buildings must come to the CPA office in Indianapolis where only those that are absolutely essential will get the "go" sign. ~~None~~ ^{Now} this does not mean that all industrial construction will be stopped.

AS MR. EVANS pointed out, "Some industrial building is necessary to the housing program itself. Factories making accessories for houses must be given every chance to expand their facilities. But if the construction

We Need OPA?

The National Association of Manufacturers says "No."

One of the best indications to show how wrong they are occurred last week in music stores throughout the country. On March 6 the ceiling on hand instruments had been lifted completely.

Here's what happened in exactly one month:

March 6, 1946 (with ceiling)	
Conn Cornet	\$107.50
Olds cornet	152.50
April 6, 1946 (without ceiling)	
Conn cornet	\$132.50
Olds cornet	200.00

will not help home production then we intend to see to it that the building does not go up at this time."

Mr. Evans went still further in this by asking all persons who

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Patman Bill In Partial Senate Win With Our Senators Against Measure

The Patman Bill, strongly supported in its original form by the American Veterans Committee, both won and lost in the legislative hopppers of the Senate last week. The subsidy provision, which will underwrite building costs to the tune of \$600,000,000 and thereby make a \$6,000 home possible for vets, was reinstated. This was the victory.

The defeat occurred a few days later when the Senate rejected the plan to fix a price ceiling on existing houses.

THIS PROVISION would obviously keep the present dwellings within the purchase range of the average vet—and was intended to keep realtors from making a lot of gravy out of resale in the present scarcity.

Reference Material

Indiana Senators failed to support either housing measure before the Senate. Senator Capehart voted against the subsidy provision and tried to introduce legislation which would have defeated it.

He also voted for the amendment which knocked ceiling prices from existing dwellings, action which makes purchase of present dwellings more remote than ever for vets.

Senator Raymond Willis failed to vote on either measure.

BUT SENATE action, in replacing at least one of the original measures, was considered to be evidence of the power of concerted action on legislative measures.

Veterans from coast-to-coast

had set up howl through all their organizations when the House of Representatives had yielded to the pressure of big-time lobbyists. This took the form of telegrams, rallies, and statements with AVC leading the fight in Washington.

WILSON W. WYATT, national housing expediter, had considered these measures to be of primary importance in his plan to build a record number of 2,700,000 houses in two years.

So. Bend Member To Aid Formation Of Constitution

Rabbi Albert M. Shulman, a member of the South Bend AVC Chapter, was appointed as a delegate to the National Constitutional Committee, it was revealed after the State Executive Committee meeting in Michigan City April 11.

The Constitution committee will work together to draw up a permanent Constitution for AVC and present it to the National Convention in Des Moines later this spring.

IN SPOTLIGHT AT AVC BANQUET



Principals at the American Veterans Committee banquet at the Lincoln Hotel, Thursday, April 11, were Martin Lerner, state AVC chairman; Representative Charles M. LaFollette, principal speaker, and Harriet Stout, ex-WAC captain who presented the Congressman. Mr. LaFollette, candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination, hit hard at United States foreign policy.

Charles LaFollette Raps at U. S. Policy And Asks Honest Treatment For Russia

Indiana members of The American Veterans Committee and other interested persons heard Representative Charles M. LaFollette fire one of his big guns in his drive for the Republican Senatorial nomination at the AVC banquet Thursday, April 11, at the Lincoln Hotel, in Indianapolis. Before a dinner crowd of approximately 200 persons, Mr. LaFollette blasted the U. S. stand against Russia, and called upon the governments of the Big Three to discard diplomatic practices "which originated in an era of nationalism."

Mich. City AVC to Install Officers With Founder Gil Harrison Speaking

The Michigan City installation dinner for new officers will be made doubly interesting with the appearance of Gil Harrison, one of the founders of AVC. The dinner will be held in the Spaulding Hotel in Michigan City the night of April 25th, and plans are being made for more than 150 to be in attendance.

Mr. Harrison, recently returned from overseas duty in the South Pacific, where he served as a sergeant in the Army Air Forces. He is in charge of all arrangements for the National Convention to be held in Des Moines in June.

IT MAY BE remembered that he spoke at the state convention in Gary on January 26 and 27 in what was considered to be one of the most impressive and sincere talks most of the members had ever heard.

All Indiana AVC chapters are urged to send delegates to the dinner. Michigan City's most prominent citizens have been invited in order to help honor Harrison. Arthur Zinkin, Jr., State Executive Secretary, also will speak.

TICKETS may be secured by calling State Headquarters, or chapter secretaries.

Kenneth Young was re-elected Chairman of the Chapter at the annual election held April 11th. Mr. Young will be serving his first

THE BANQUET, which was entirely an AVC undertaking, was conceived as a way for AVC members to become interested in the political issues of the day.

The AVC slogan, "Citizens First, Veterans Second" was given a chance to mean something in the gathering since it furnished an opportunity to hear a political candidate voice his views about something in which the veteran as a citizen must be interested—our foreign policy.

Mr. LaFollette certainly did that. Speaking straight from the shoulder on the topic, "After All the Veteran Is a Citizen," the red-headed pepper-pot who represents the Evansville district in Congress at the present time, said, "What I am asking, and what I think the American citizen who has recently become a veteran is asking, is an opportunity to exist in a world at peace. We ask that gross prejudices be removed as we work to produce a better world."

Leading from there directly into the touchy Iranian problem, LaFollette said, "Therefore, if Russia needs oil—and it appears that the U. S., Britain, and the Dutch have hogged all the oil—

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To AVC Members

With the expansion of AVC activities throughout Indiana, correspondence is beginning to hang heavy over the heads of state headquarters personnel. Typing help definitely needed on a part time basis. Persons knowing of someone with typing experience willing to give AVC a helping hand, please contact state headquarters, RI. 4481.

AVC ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

AVC KILOCYCLES

AVC On Air-Waves To Voice Need For War II Vet Outfit

On Tuesday, April 23, the American Veterans Committee will have a hand in a state-wide radio airing of one of the most controversial issues of the day.

THE HOT TOPIC under discussion will be "Is There a Need for a World War II Veterans Organization?" and the views will be broadcast over Station WIBC, Indianapolis, at 7:00 p. m. on the "Speak Up, Indiana" program.

Approaching the question from the affirmative side will be Arthur Zinkin, Jr., state executive secretary, who will explain how AVC satisfies the needs and desires of the World War II vet.

ALSO SUPPORTING the affirmative side of the fence will be William Stout, Indianapolis World War II veteran. Mr. Stout is not a member of AVC, and will speak as an independent veteran, citing how organizations from other eras are failing the veteran of the recent conflict.

Denying the need for a World War II organization will be Vayne N. Armstrong, former national vice-commander and state commander of the American Legion. Earl A. Kightlinger, War II vet, also will appear on the negative side to support the belief that a War II setup is not necessary.

STEPHEN NOLAND, editor of the Indianapolis News, will act as moderator. Remember: Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 p. m., WIBC, Indianapolis.

Executive Council Lays Groundwork In Biggest Meet

The Executive Council meeting April 7th at Michigan City was the largest since Indiana's organization. Every chapter in the state was represented, and although no startling new developments came out of the session, a lot of good solid groundwork was laid.

GENERAL organizational problems, which right now are of prime importance, came in for a lion's share of the discussion.

Chapters at LaPorte, East Chicago and Hammond made their first appearance at a Statewide meeting, as their charters were granted recently.

In attendance were: Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary; Martin Larner, Indianapolis, Chairman; Burton Ruby, Michigan City, Treasurer; Joe Kutch, Gary, Vice-Chairman; Joseph Baldoni, South Bend; Irving Larner, Indianapolis; William Cune, Indianapolis; Lyman Taylor, Michigan City; Richard Weiss, Hammond; Franklin C. Hubbard, South Bend; Kenneth Young, Michigan City; Lydia Neuwelt, Gary; William Gillick, Jr., LaPorte; Dale L. Kinsey, LaPorte; and Frederick J. Helms, Terre Haute, delegates.

Low Rent Project For Indp's Vets Nears Completion

First units in the Stout Field veterans' housing project will be ready for rental within a few weeks.

A TENTATIVE budget of rental income and maintenance

South Bend Head Is Round Table Discussion Chief

Joe Baldoni, chairman of the South Bend chapter of AVC will be head man of a round table discussion on housing to be held next week over Station WHOT, South Bend. The exact time of the program has not been announced as yet by the station which approached Mr. Baldoni to handle the top spot.

A CROSS SECTION of civic groups including labor, contractors, and veterans will be represented on the half-hour show which is intended to present all sides of the picture of the acute housing shortage existing in the northern Indiana city.

Placement of the AVC chairman who is Ass't Building Commissioner of South Bend in the top spot on this program is considered to be recognition for the active interest AVC has taken on the housing situation in South Bend. AVC has sponsored discussion groups and rallies in that vicinity and has constantly supported Mayor F. Kenneth Dempsey in his efforts to provide housing for veterans.

To date that effort has resulted in approximately 150 pre-fabs, which, according to Mr. Baldoni, is "the best in Indiana."

Hammond Chapter Is Latest Entry Into State AVC

Another chapter has joined the growing ranks of AVC in Indiana. Following a preliminary meeting the week before, a group of veterans got together in Hammond, Indiana, on March 19 to definitely form a chapter.

Presiding over the group was Len Schroeter, former Stars and Stripes correspondent. Charles Fleming, State Senator from the Hammond District, was one of the members present.

FORMATION of this chapter follows close on the heels of the entrance of East Chicago just a week before. Getting Hammond into the fold is considered substantial proof that the Calumet area is one of the strongpoints of AVC activity in Indiana, since Gary and East Chicago also have chapters.

A definite program has not been formulated as yet.

outgo was prepared by the Mayor's Emergency Housing Committee yesterday.

It will go to Chicago subject to approval by the National Housing Authority's regional office.

Total operational maintenance cost was estimated at \$94,800. Total income from rentals will approximate \$120,000.

Homes Registry of the Indianapolis Community Fund will assume full responsibility for screening the 842 applications from veterans on a basis of need and issuing priorities for rentals.

Vital Statistics

After sweating it out in the conventional manner for several weeks, Harry Gottlieb, ex-editor of VET VOICE, is once again on the road to recovery. Harry, who now resides in Chicago, is the proud papa of a six pound, eleven ounce baby girl born on April 12 in the Windy City. Mother and daughter, who has been named Ann, are doing nicely. Gottlieb was well enough to ghost write his regular "Senator Waldorf Grouse" column which appears on Page 5 of this issue.

LUCKY PEEPLES



AVC MEMBERS Tom Kiernan, left, and Frank Hodges cast longing glances at the automobile which is the property of The American Veterans Committee. By April 30, however, ownership is expected to change. There is no further comment necessary. The line forms on the right, that's all. More information can be obtained by contacting Indianapolis Chapter No. 1, 134 Monument Circle, LI. 7569.

Gary AVC Acts to Support McMahon And Patman Bills

Recent activities in the Gary AVC Chapter have centered around housing and atomic energy. The members had mimeographed and distributed 5,000 handbills on housing throughout the city, and voted to support the Patman bill as originally written.

"Much of the discussion on the McMahon Bill" wrote Lydia Neuwelt, Chapter Secretary, "undoubtedly was related to recent scare stories in the press." The Gary chapter voted to support the McMahon Bill as originally written, by a vote of 15 to 8.

THE COUNCIL is progressing well; they will be entitled to three representatives to the National Convention.

Joe Kutch resigned as chairman because of ill health, and to replace him, officers were elected, having elevated Chris Hibbler from vice-chairman to take his place.

THEY ELECTED Earl J. LeClaire to the post of vice-chairman, and Lydia Neuwelt and Richard Ruddell to represent the chapter on the State Executive Committee.

The Gary Chapter also decided to join the Gary Consolidated Veterans, a group made up of representatives of all veteran groups in the town.

Vet Housing

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see this order being violated to report the infraction to CPA headquarters.

THIS DOES NOT mean that buildings under construction prior to the deadline of March 26 will be halted. The order reads that if any permanent part of a building (such as the foundation) has been started, then construction will be permitted.

This has been the most current interpretation of the order and must stand despite the fact that some self-centered interests rushed to pour foundations by burning the midnight oil in an effort to side-track the legislation.

As Mr. Evans said, "We can unfortunately do nothing about this. These concerns are conforming to the letter of the law. But certainly not to the spirit of it."

JUST HOW many actual materials will be diverted to home-building cannot be estimated at this time, according to Mr. Evans. But establishment of the CPA headquarters in Indiana is considered to be evidence that the government considers housing to be of top drawer priority and is providing some of the tools necessary to solve it. Congress will have to provide legislation to complete the program.

LaPorte Chapter In One Month Has Lined Up Housing

The twenty members of LaPorte Chapter, under the guidance of temporary chairman and vice-chairman Bill Gillick, Jr., and Dale Kinsey, has tackled the housing situation with energy.

The Chapter, only little over a month old, has located building lots, has made contacts with pre-fabricated housing dealers, and can now show veterans what steps to take to get housing within a short period of time.

THEY ARE discussing the possibility of making their own concrete blocks by cooperative methods, and they are negotiating for surplus property homes, in group lots.

It was voted by the members that the executive committee notify congress that the AVC in LaPorte is in favor of the passing of the Wyatt bill "as is."

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STATE AVC RERESENTED AT SPEAKERS TABLE



Chapters throughout the state were well represented at the AVC banquet. Introduced at the gathering, members at the speakers' table were Joe Kutch, Gary, vice-chairman; Sanford Ramsey, secretary; Burton Ruby, Michigan City, treasurer, and Joe Baldoin, chairman of the South Bend chapter.

Lafollette

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then all three nations should work together to provide a more equitable distribution. In addition, the people on those lands where the oil exists should be given fairer treatment."

CLASSIFIED AS a "radical" Republican himself, Mr. Lafollette said that the American progressives and liberals are obstructed in their plans for a better world by two classes of persons. "Those two," he said, "are those who worship at the shrine of Russia and those who find no good in Russia."

The United Nations is, and should be, used as a forum to reach behind the governments of the world to the people of the world," he said. "It evidences lack of confidence in people, inconsistent with my belief in democracy, for any government of any nation to fail to use this forum as a means of reaching the sense of justice, and the great well of good will, inherent in the peoples of the world."

TOUCHING briefly on the domestic front, Mr. Lafollette continued to drive home the importance of the common people.

"The white collar workers and the farmer, in particular, must be shown that their condition will be better when the forces of monopoly are limited or controlled so that they can be bent to serve the people."

Mr. Lafollette, who is fighting to gain the Senatorial nomination over Senator Willis and William Jenner, was introduced by Harriet Stout, Indianapolis business woman.

Indiana Leads

Clifford Dancer, national AVC representative at the recent American Veterans Committee banquet, is a proud papa. Dancer, one of five men who first conceived the idea of AVC back in 1943, returned from the armed services six weeks ago to get the first peacetime glimpse of his brain child which now boasts over forty thousand members from coast-to-coast.

"In those weeks I've visited chapters throughout the country," said Dancer, "and your Indiana chapters are especially active."

"There's no doubt about it," he elaborated, "Indiana is the power of AVC in the middle west."

Highlights in Lafollette Address

YOU ARE AWARE of the need for supporting and expanding international cooperation, as it presently exists, into international rule by law under a world federation.

EVERY REACTIONARY force throughout history has debased patriotism by making it a strumpet of reaction. Can we forget so soon that Hitler and Mussolini were veterans? I charge you with the obligation to see to it that history does not repeat itself.

THE DESIRE to be objective, if possible; to acknowledge once and for all that our country, and other countries, in the past have used methods which we do not want to see used by our own country or by Russia, at this date in history.

SPECIFICALLY, we ask of all Americans that Russian national needs, and therefore, Russian foreign policy, be measured by a geographical or economic yardstick and not an ideological one.

WE DESIRE A better way of life. We intend to eliminate the evils of monopoly, capitalism, and the economic feudalism it has produced.

WHAT THE WORLD needs is less nationalism—not more small nations to stoke its hate breeding fires.

THE UNITED NATIONS is, and should be, used as a forum to reach behind the governments of the world to the people, where a great well of good will is inherent.

THOSE WHO would desire to govern us must show us, the people, respect, and confidence in our ability to reach a correct result.

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:
Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.
Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war.

Establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.

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At The Banquet

Clif Dancer, AVC Founder, Charges National Selfishness

"Since the war, selfishness has been the keynote throughout the nation," charged Clifford Dancer, national AVC representative, at the AVC banquet Thursday, April 11, which featured Congressman Charles M. LaFollette as the principal speaker.

The lanky redhead who was one of the founders of AVC in 1943, emphasized that he was giving his own personal viewpoints, and said, "this selfishness that veterans see upon their return from the wars makes them wonder. It is so utterly different from the kind of thing we had been taught while in the service."

MR. DANCER, who just returned from Air Force duty in the Pacific, was referring primarily to large special interest lobbies in Washington which were trying to defeat the government housing program, and the OPA in order for self benefit. (Ed. note. The National Association of

Manufacturers last week came out for complete abolition of all price control.)

However, I do not believe that the veteran will form into any block for exclusive rights," qualified Mr. Dancer. "We are all part of some economic circle and must, therefore, have a responsibility to the other citizens by becoming "Citizens First, Veterans Second."

SPEAKING with only an occasional reference to notes, Mr. Dancer continued to elaborate upon the AVC "Statement of Intentions" which he helped to formulate back in 1943.

He referred to the need for early solution of the colored problem declaring that "our colored brethren have been so patient with us" and concluded his speech with the subject that forms the basic philosophy of AVC—our attitude to each other.

IF WE wonder at any time as to the road we must take," he concluded, "we need only remember that our first duty is to humanity."

SELFISHNESS



National AVC representative was Clifford Dancer (above), who is one of the founders of AVC. He blasted the selfishness that he said the returning veteran is finding in all channels of civilian life. (Story on Page 3.)

Present

Northwestern Indiana, hot-spot of AVC activity in Hoosierdom, was well represented at the AVC banquet. Making the 150-mile trek from "Calumet corner" for the LaFollette address were Joe Kutch, Gary, state vice-chairman; Joe Baldoin, Chairman of the South Bend Chapter, and Burton Ruby, Michigan City, State AVC treasurer.

With the appearance of Kutch and Ruby, the entire staff of state AVC officers was present for the affair. Martin Lerner, State chairman, presided over the meeting and made the introductory remarks, while Sanford Ramsey, Secretary, sat at the speakers' table and was introduced.

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Political:

Speech Failed To Provide Blueprint For Action

On the evening of April 11th, members of the Indiana State Council of AVC and their guests dined together at the Lincoln Hotel in Indianapolis and heard a highly significant address made by Charles M. La Follette, Congressman from the 8th Indiana District and candidate for the Republican nomination to the United States Senate.

Mr. La Follette began his speech with the warning that not all virtue resided in being a veteran. . . . "It is unfortunately true that some of our oldest, reactionary and most venal minds reside in young bodies," he said, and pointed to Hitler and Mussolini as veterans to prove his point.

For us, the most interesting part of his speech was that which dealt with the domestic problems of the country. Mr. La Follette said that the common man is tired of hearing promises . . . that we must evolve a philosophy, draw a blue print and begin to apply that blue print if we are to enlarge

our democracy so that it encompasses all racial, religious, and economic groups.

That is thoroughly in keeping with the AVC Statement of Intentions and most AVC members sat on the edge of their seats when Mr. La Follette made this statement, anticipating an answer to the challenge he had laid down. None was forthcoming.

We think we know how Mr. La Follette proposes to increase the security and dignity of all men and women. We think we know that he proposes to use democratic methods and integrity in reaching desired goals. Perhaps time did not allow him to develop this portion of his message.

We shall look forward with interest to his further statements to see whether he enunciates the philosophy, drafts the blue print, and suggests the proper means for building a more democratic and prosperous America in a world at peace.

Sports

The All-American Game Is Here Again

Baseball is back at home plate for its first post war season in all its star-studded glory. The national pastime will undoubtedly be playing before record crowds in every ball park in the country.

In addition, this banner year for baseball marks a definite step forward in breaking down the discriminatory barriers which have prohibited Negroes from participating in organized ball.

Background shows that most major leaguers of the past have come from the barn yards and sand lots of the South. This has been a factor in the discrimination. In addition, Negro ball players themselves, have contributed little in that they have encouraged gambling and countless other perversities in their few teams which have done nothing but place a flock of bad marks up on their score card.

But whatever the reason, it was one of the strange quirks that had society shaking a prejudiced head for no good reason. Negroes participate in practically every other sport, and in contests where there is far more bodily contact than there is

in baseball. We have only to run down the list of all-time greats in basketball, boxing, and football to find what an outstanding contribution has been made by our Negro athletes.

Up in Montreal of the International League, Jackie Robinson, a Negro athletic star from UCLA, has trotted out on the diamond this year as the first Negro player in the organized leagues. If he gets a fair trial, whether he makes the grade or not is unimportant.

What is important is that it is an essential step toward greater understanding of the problem so vital to our nation's welfare. The Negro will be participating for the first time in the very game which tells how unrestricted its membership in America should be when it proudly calls itself

"the national pastime."

If we are to make an honest attempt to bring about more harmony between the races then this is one of the steps that will symbolize a sincere effort to solve the problem.

International

This Is Food For Thought

The nation-wide campaign for food to fight famine is a voluntary one. Nobody has been asked to do without any food necessary to their balanced diet. As a matter of fact, if Americans are willing to substitute potatoes and poultry, which are available in abundance, for bread and red meats, and consume less fats, it is probable that sufficient foods may be supplied the starving nations.

Such an action by us will undoubtedly save the lives of millions of human beings.

This is an absolute necessity. The veterans who participated in the struggle overseas will not soon forget the emaciated, pitiful, children whose bodies were drawn and distorted through improper and insufficient food; or how adults were reduced to animals as they scrambled around garbage cans and refuse buckets.

Even those who did not encounter these extreme circumstances, remember how carefully the more fortunate ones hoarded their limited food stores, and how sincerely grateful they were whenever a GI would share his rations, or package from home, with them. The sincerity that was there

was the perfect mirror of the terrible need.

Famine stalks five hundred million people in Europe, China, India and North Africa. The breakfast you had this morning is about the total calorie content they get, day in and day out. And something like that ain't funny—when it becomes habit forming.

A sacrifice on our part to the tune of six million tons of wheat, 365,000 tons of fats and oils, and 1,650,000,000 pounds of meat will help to pull those people through this terrible, confused, distraught period.

But it will do more: It will place us on a basis of international participation which is needed if we are to prevent future wars and aggression.

Lousy, totalitarian states arise out of the need by the people for something better than what they have. Naturally, they don't get it. And it's up to us to see that the problem is licked in its infancy—before it festers and develops into a political sore of international inflammation.

That's not only humanity. It's the best way to prevent future wars.

About Washington

Through the Eyes of Senator Waldorf Grouse

On April 6th I joined Harry, Ike, and some of my other friends on their junket to Chicago for the Army Day festivities. I had a splendid 90-minute oration all prepared, but the President and Chief of Staff hogged all the time. I was, therefore, rendered speechless, to the public's loss.

THE SPEAKERS in Chicago capably stated their case for extension of the draft, compulsory military training, and unification of the armed forces under a single command.

These are highly controversial questions, and your Senator refuses to commit himself for or against on any of these matters. I advise you, however, to give them your careful attention. But not your exclusive attention.

NONE OF THESE matters bears directly on the question of maintaining the peace. These are military matters, primarily concerned with preparation for potential future wars, in case international machinery for maintaining the peace breaks down.

It seems to me that a more timely and fitting theme on Army Day would have been the problems of maintaining a durable peace.

Down Michigan Avenue that day marched some 15,000 men of the 5th Division. They marched well, for their equipment was in good order, and their bayonets flashed in the sun. But to me the most meaningful part of that parade was the men who weren't there, the men of the 1st, 5th, 9th, 32nd, 35th, 106th and all the other Divisions who no longer speak out on behalf of peace. It seems to me that someone should have spoken for them. Nobody did.

DURING THE WAR one question was even present in the shops, on the streets, and in the homes of America, spoken or implied: What are you doing for the war effort? Today, with the fighting ended, the moral pressure has unfortunately eased.

Army Day, I think, would have provided a marvelous opportunity to rebuild that moral pressure upon the citizens of this nation by asking a new and equally vital question: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE PEACE EFFORT?

That, I think, is the question the dead would ask, could they speak from their graves. They, of course, gave the most during the war. Any effort the rest of us made, whether we were in one of the armed forces or not, is insignificant.

They gave everything; we gave but a small percentage of what we have, for we still have our lives.

SINCE THE question wasn't asked on Army Day, here it is. What are you doing for the peace effort? Are you speaking clearly and frequently for international understanding and co-operation (or are you bewailing the "inevitable war with Russia")? Are you speaking and working for effective world law (or do you continually clamor for the "sovereignty of nations")?

Do you act in such fashion that you reflect credit upon the United States as a true democracy (or do you practice bigotry and discrimination against people of different race, creed, or national origin, thereby making a mockery out of our statesmen's efforts to give American democracy stature in world affairs?)

IF YOU CAN honestly answer "yes" to the three unbracketed sentences and "no" to the three questions in parenthesis, then you are doing something for the peace effort by spreading an attitude and state of mind essential for a strong American role in preserving the peace.

Then, perhaps, you can watch an Infantry Division on parade without turning away ashamed that you are not keeping faith with the men who are no longer here to parade. That's what happened to me on Army Day.

Letters to The Editor

Political Promoters

Dear Editor:

I have been reading your sheet ever since November which is a tribute to the strength of my stomach and my devotion to AVC. To say that "The Veteran's Voice" has become biased is putting it mildly. I thought we had a by-law in our regulation prohibiting AVC as an organized group from supporting any political candidate. Am I wrong?

IN CASE you wonder what I am talking about, let me elucidate. In the past two issues of the paper you have devoted two front page articles to Charles M. LaFollette.

In addition to these two front page stories, which might be excused on the grounds of drumming up trade for the AVC dinner, there have been two other articles that have been about LaFollette without reference to his speaking at an AVC dinner.

NOW JUST what are you up to? I am a Democrat myself and don't give a hoot who the Republicans put up for the Senate, since he won't win anyway. But is it proper for AVC to use an official organ as a publicity medium for a candidate to office?

If it is, then may I submit a story on the thoughts and views of Schriker, Townsend, or Jackson, the potential Democratic candidate? Fess, up, editor. You are in LaFollette's corner and you are just trying to sway the rest of us that way.

R. H.

Bloomington.

(Ed. Note: Our space allotment to Mr. LaFollette has been two-fold—to promote the dinner and to acquaint AVC with the views of an important political candidate. If another candidate is placed in a similar position, we will devote a like amount of space to him.)

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Quest Voice:

Theodore O. Fisher, Indianapolis Minister, Points The Way For
A Confused World On "The Atom And Easter."

(Ed. Note: Rev. Fisher, minister of the Northwood Christian Church, knows the thinking of the ex-GI. He has just been discharged after serving in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan as a Chaplain with the Air Force.)

IT IS EASTER and at this time of the year we consider more seriously the meaning of life and death, and our responsibilities to God and our fellowman. We have returned to a strange new world. We have entered a new age, the atomic age.

At present we are suffering from atomic anxiety. This strange new age in which we live is raw in its newness, and explorers have not as yet marked out trails of safety through the virgin territory that we face. We must venture. We cannot go back and we are afraid of what lies before us.

Exhausted by a terrible war, nations face each other with distrust and fear, holding in their hands, timidly but threateningly, the instruments capable of destroying civilization. We might be called by future historians, the fearful age because of our, ATOMIC ANXIETY.

It is probably unnecessary to illustrate what I mean by "Atomic Anxiety" because we meet it every day in the press, radio, movies, and in a thousand conversations on the streets. A grim pessimism has gripped our world. For instance, Metro studios are producing a film dealing with the atom bomb, which is entitled, "THE BEGINNING OR THE END."

THAT APPEARS to be the question mark which is written over our age. Is this the beginning of a wonderful era of prosperity and human progress or is it the death rattle of civilization?

A group of distinguished scientists, including such men as Dr. Albert Einstein and Dr. Arthur Com-

pton, have recently published a study of the atom bomb which they have entitled, "ONE WORLD OR NONE" in which they developed the thesis that we either learn to live together as nations or destroy our world.

WE HAVE Time magazine reporting Oak Ridge, Tenn. High School students so shocked by the revelations of a scientist who discussed the atom bomb with them that they organized to do something about it and issued the following statement: "We do not want to die a useless death. We cannot be indifferent. We are alarmed that this terrible menace has not been generally recognized. . . . Our fathers (mostly scientists or workers in the A bomb development) have told us that the atom bomb can wreck the world, and we believe them." Yes, atomic anxiety is very real.

Now the rather remarkable thing was that when the first shock of atomic power was on the nation, it was the newspaper columnists who turned into the christian prophets of our age, and from Dorothy Thompson to Drew Pearson they warned—we either take Christ seriously, or we perish.

WHAT THEN IS THE CHRISTIANS ATTITUDE TO THE HOUR?

He certainly isn't a pessimist because he still prays, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and he does everything in his power to make that prayer a reality. It is my belief that faith in God put into practice in everyday living is the only hope of our world.

We claim to have won the war, but what have we won? Are we better off materially? Are our people better off morally and spiritually than before the war? We have won something and its important.

We've won the right to try to build a better world, and that's all.

The soldier was ready to die for this way of life. Now our greatest need is men who will live for it. Sometimes living for something is harder than dying for it.

"He serves his country best

Who lives pure life and doeth righteous deed,
And walks straight paths however others stray
And leaves his sons, as uttermost bequest,
A stainless record which all men may read;
This is the better way,"—Susan Coolidge.

AMERICA has flowered from the great and idealistic principles given her by her forefathers of faith. We have engraved these principles in the stone of our monuments and they are treasured with care in the archives of the capitol, but unless they warm the lives of the people and are treasured in the hearts of the citizens they are meaningless marks in stone and have lost their effectiveness for our generation.

Even as we live and work for a better world let us remember the message and meaning of Easter, "HE IS RISEN." Christians are members of an eternal Kingdom which finds its greatest meaning and development beyond this world. Vicious men tried to wreck the plans of God by using a cruel cross, but failed miserably.

They is no weapon terrible enough devised by the mind of man to destroy the eternal kingdom of God or the christians place in that kingdom.

LET US REALIZE with heads up that we are the indestructibles and meet the problems of our day with confidence and courage. "HE IS RISEN." "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD."

THE SCRAP PILE

Screwball Happenings in a Zany World

VET VOICE has been getting the blush treatment the past few days from a flock of eagle-eyes who read the Canary Cottage ad in the last issue. The restaurant's ad said something about "Where good food is served, and served inefficiently. Now what the hell is that?—wasting good food on that kind of service for?"

But we ain't the only yokels who go around committing faux peaux's (damn this typewriter) all over the place. Jim Gardner, who had just gotten his discharge, stopped off in Bloomington for a few short ones, and proceeded to lose \$596—he thought. Police, though, gave him the once-over, and found the wad stuck away in the top of his shoe. A fellow who gets that mellow from 'linkin' automatically wears nothing but high shoes. That's a nutty pun, son—cash shoes, that is.

THE ATOMIC QUESTION was given a play recently by some screwball farmer in Indiana. The corn-fed placed an ad in a paper in which he put his farm up for sale by saying "160 acre hill farm in southern Indiana, poor buildings and poor fences. Not much of a farm, but a swell hideout from atomic bombs." And from columns like this, for that matter. . . . Incidentally, War Department big-wigs have been receiving countless requests from people who want to be on the warships when they receive the atomic blasting scheduled for July in the Pacific. The officials say the people are "crazy," but in view of the present house shortage, the ships would furnish nice roomy quarters—but with an unlimited ceiling.

For future reference, you can jot down on the cuff that if present pressure against the demonstration continues to mount the whole affair as a good chance of blowing up before the bomb.

MUGS IN THE MERRY-GO-ROUND: On the international scene this week, a zany outfit wired resident Truman and suggested that chesty Carole Landis, the movie actress, be sent to talk things over with Joe Stalin. That's not so crazy—she does have a couple of points that should impress old Joe. . . . Mrs. Helene Boyington, the ex-expense account of Marine hero "Pappy" Boyington, called

off her marriage recently to George L. Gilbert, a Seattle newspaperman. That is, he had one of the best corners in Seattle. . . . The debt for the War of 1812 can now be wiped off the books. Esther Ann Hill Morgan, daughter of one of the doughfeet of that war, died last week. She was the last U. S. citizen eligible for the claim. I don't know what the old boy's rank was, but it's a matter of simple arithmetic that Mrs. Morgan was born 46 years AFTER the war. Let's see, that should have made pop somewhere under twenty at the time—or at least a second lieutenant.

RE-EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS is daily becoming a more serious problem, and there's nothing particularly funny about the sityeation. But things have come to a pretty pass when Edward J. Cooney, Chicago, has to sue his uncle to get back his job as movie operator in one of his uncle's theaters. Cooney is back and his uncle has got him. . . . Edward J. Felix, a vet from northern Indiana, has a sort of animated diary on a wound he received in the Battle of the Bulge about 15 months ago: Above the shrapnel gash on his left leg he has tattooed "Belguim, Jan. 27, 1945."

ON THE social science side of life, Fred Elkin, sociologist who slaved away as a T/4 in the Army, has an article in the American Journal of Sociology in which he says GI profanity of the four letter variety will die out the longer vets are at home. The hell it will. . . .

A national survey just released shows that in-law trouble caused by vets having to be squinched up with the "folks" because of the housing shortage, is one of the principal causes for divorce. No house is big enough for two families—or one in-law.

AND THAT ABOUT DOES IT FOR THIS ISSUE. There is a flock of "peeples who look down their schnozzollas and call AVC an organization of 'left wingers.' Now that baseball is here that same group will probably be rootin' like hell for a team that has a southpaw keeping them in the pennant race.

England is willing to reciprocate by letting our products into her colonies.

Wheeler countered:

We cannot afford to be the economic angel of the world.

We would be taking a loss of 33 million a year on interest alone.

This is the type of thing that would make England a state-controlled economy.

By selling surplus material in England to the British at ten cents on dollar we are already making substantial gift.

On International Front

AVC Supports U. S. Loan To Britain And States Reasons For Backing

Write your congressmen. You've probably heard this phrase so often that you let it slip in one ear and glide out the other, but AVC is urging every person who reads this to do just that.

WITH an eye to the AVC "Statement of Intentions" for the promotion of "social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war," endorsement of the resolution passed by the Washington Chapter which supports the proposed loan to Britain has been made by the National Planning Committee.

Four main reasons back this action, namely:

1. It is the most practical solution for the British debt situation.
2. It is the first step in world economic reconstruction. Britain is our largest customer.
3. It will promote a balanced

growth of international trade. 4. It should aid in stabilizing employment in the reconversion period.

Congressmen will vote for the bill if their amount of mail justifies the effort and indicates popular support.

Left Wing?

While testifying in support of the loan to Britain as the American Veterans Committee representative on the subject, Oren Root Jr., prominent AVC member, had the Senate on its ear recently. Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) changed the subject long enough to question Root on the AVC stand on minimum wage, and Case anti-labor bills. Taft charged that AVC is "left wing." Senator Alben Barkley (D., Ky.) roared, "I'm for the minimum wage bill and against the Case measure, too. Does that make me a left-winger, too?"

The subject then went back to the "left-wing" talk of the loan to Britain.

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Authorities Sound Off on Loan to Britain

On a coast-to-coast broadcast last week, authorities aired their views on the loan to Britain in a round table discussion sponsored by Modern Industry Magazine. Speaking in favor of the loan was Mr. J. C. Folger, industrialist, while against the measure was Senator Burton Wheeler.

Folger said:

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IF YOU ASK ME

Attracting considerable attention in the bookstalls and the press is IF YOU ASK ME. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt has selected the most interesting questions that have been asked her and in her own nimble-witted way manages to get most of them answered in a highly satisfactory way.

IN SPITE of more than a decade of bitter and vituperative criticism Mrs. Roosevelt will always seem to me one of the most remarkable persons of our time. For nearly the entire tenure of her husband's Presidency his wife was on the inside and at the same time doing a daily controversial stint for a news syndicate.

It is a well known fact that the Washington correspondents

read her stuff more carefully than they read anything else—hoping always to find a tip-off.

TO THE BEST of my knowledge she never once gave away the President's hand, although she very often provided the professional seers with information as to the trend of thinking at the White House.

Here are some samples from the current collection:

Q. As his wife, did you believe in all the ideas of President Roosevelt?

A. Certainly not. I am an individual and so was my husband. It happened that on nearly all big issues we agreed but any two people are bound to differ now and then, on method, if not on principle.

Q. Have you any good friends who are Republicans?

A. I hope so.

Information Please on The American Veterans Committee (An Organization of World War II Veterans)

ORGANIZED—In 1943 by a group of GIs and officers.

THOSE ELIGIBLE—Honorably discharged veterans of World War II. You may belong to another veterans organization as well.

PROMINENT MEMBERS—Harold Stassen, Bill Mauldin, Philip Willkie, Ronald Reagan, Melvyn Douglas.

BELIEFS—See "Statement of Intentions" in another part of paper.

ACTION—"AVC did best job in Washington in fighting for housing for the veteran."—Drew Pearson, Washington Merry-Go-Round Columnist.

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FOR CAMERA BUGS

Good news for amateur photographers. And professionals, too, for that matter. Camera shops that have been dummifying their shelves these long dreary years with picture frames and apologies for short stocks have been looking up recently.

THE MARKET is far from flooded, but the goods are beginning to dribble in in a steady and encouraging flow. For instance, Royal tripods are back, which should make the home cameraman who has kiddies throw his hat in the air.

Easels and printers are making a return engagement in almost every popular make, along with every kind of spotlight and reflector. Roll film is plentiful as the April rains, but cut film and packs are still scarce, though promises are being definitely made for "almost immediate" delivery.

THAT GOES, as well, for flash bulbs—thirty days should see the definite end of the shortage; back orders are gradually being filled, and new customers ought to be able to walk out of a shop with whatever kind of number he can afford.

This item should be of special interest to ETO veterans who returned home with German-made cameras. A number of them have been despaired of because of their difference in measure from American-made cameras—cases and tripods and other attachments wouldn't fit. Well, we found a supply of special adapters that screw right into the tripod socket of any foreign make camera, that makes it fit all American made tripods and we also have seen plenty of cases here in town for these German cameras.

And now for the real punch—this is the most exciting chemical discovery of the atomic age—there's a new developer on sale now that eliminates every step except washing.

IT'S CALLED Unidel, and it's to be used for film and paper alike. No hypo, no short stop. Just twenty minutes in Unidel, a half hour to wash, and the job's done. We haven't tried it out as yet, but don't think we don't intend to!—Sol Eshowsky..

Oh, Oui, Oui!



RIGHT in style for the Easter parade is Mrs. Marie Antoinette Piano, war bride of Albert Piano, Bronx, N. Y., shown as she arrived in New York aboard the S. S. Brazil. Needless to say, the hat comes from Paris, and so does its wearer. (International)

THE NEW VETERAN
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Platter Chatter FOR YOU JIVE HOUNDS

BY DON WINTIN

Last week I came across an album. Nothing remarkable to look at it, an all Gershwin album. But—scattered over the front cover were the names of some of the best jazz men of the day.

AS IT TURNED out, it was an Eddie Condon production. Eight count 'em—eight fine jazz tunes. There is SOMEBODY LOVES ME, LADY BE GOOD, THE MAN I LOVE, SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME—and that's only half of them. It's a truly great jazz album.—Decca 398.

Some of you men have asked why I don't review any Re Bop record. Well, fellas, I just can't get with it. Sure it's a novelty—but where's the music? The records I discuss here are the ones I believe you will still like to listen to five years from now. Good jazz doesn't change—we'll tell you about the good ones.

SOME POP TUNES either linger for awhile and die out or they become standards and it's those with standard potentialities that we'll put in here.

I WISH I COULD TELL YOU—by Benny Goodman, is a good example. The Great Man plays some fine clarinet behind the vocal but you have to listen for it. He is very unobtrusive, but he can afford to be.—Col. 36908.

CHARLIE SPIVAK takes care of TAKE CARE. The plays the opening chorus and its typical Spivak horn. The sweetest tone on earth—that's his billing and we believe it.—Vic-20-1806.

VAUGHN MONROE cuts through with SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES. If you've heard one Monroe tune, you've heard all, but so many like him, I thought you should know it was out.—Vic-20-1811.

LOUIS PRIMA, who plays pretty for the people and who uses to play good for the musicians, has put out GIMME A LITTLE KISS. Skipping quickly over his vocal, he does come close to his old style of horn on this one. Just a short go, but nice.

On the back side WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO LOVE he lets Jack Power do the singing and then puts so much schmaltz in his playing I wish he had let Power to the whole thing. I'd like to see Louis play the kind of horn he's capable of, but there's money in the schmaltz, so it looks like no dice.—Maj. 7122.

Be on the lookout for big doings in the music biz. Congress is hopping on Petrillo again and, since it will affect the entire industry, we'll keep you posted. So next issue—the United States Government vs. James Petrillo. That ought to take at least five minutes' reading time.

THE LONG HAIR GROOVES

Ernst Heberlein

Most Ex GIs who begin cooking on their post-war record collections seems to be doing it in a "classic" manner. Statistics of record sales show that 75 per cent of their requests are for classical records, surprising as it may seem.

Therefore, to keep the ball rolling I am listing what I consider to be the best recordings today.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are outstanding. We have listed some that are the best obtainable but which should be remade and these are marked with a question mark (?). Recordings that should be purchased first as a foundation are marked with a small (a). In making the choice, both recording and interpretation have been taken into account.

?No. 1—Rodzinski and Cleveland Orchestra, Columbia MM-553, 4 records.

No. 2—Koussevitzky and Boston Symphony, Victor DM-625, 4 records.

aNo. 3—Walter and Phila-Symphony Orchestra of N. Y., Col. MM-449, 6 records.

No. 4—Toscanini and BBB Symphony, Victor DM-676, 4 records.

?No. 6—Mitropoulis and Minneapolis Symphony, Col. MM-498, 4 records.

aNo. 7—Ormandy and Philadelphia Orchestra, Col. MM-557, 5 records.

*aNo. 8—Toscanini and NBC Orchestra, Victor DM-908, 3 records.

?No. 9—(Choral) Ormandy and Philadelphia Orchestra with soloists and the Westminster Choir, Columbia MM-591, 8 records. Note: Rumor has it that Toscanini has recorded this with the NBC Orchestra and the Robert Shaw Chorale. This should be tops for all time.

BRAHMS SYMPHONIES

aNo. 1—Toscanini and NBC Orchestra, Victor DM-875, 5 records.

No. 2—Ormandy and Philadelphia Orchestra, Victor, DM-694, 6 records.

*aNo. 3—Koussevitzki and Boston Symphony, Victor DM-1007, 4 records.

aNo. 4—Ormandy and Philadelphia Orchestra, Columbia MM-567, 5 records.

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Look Out, Below!



FRANK MCCORMICK, the new first sacker for the Phillies, goes soaring without a glider at Miami Beach, Fla., where the Blue Jays trained for the coming baseball season. (International)

Return of Veterans to Baseball as Fans and Players Assures National Pastime of Greatest Season in '46

Veterans, who one year ago were about as close to a baseball game as Tommy Manville is to a hermit, now have something to shout about. The national pastime that they only dreamed distantly about in foxholes and Nissen huts twelve months ago is now very much a part of their daily lives. Yes, baseball—and its most enthusiastic fans—are back.

After four years of taking it on the chin in a bush league manner, the diamond sport got under way Tuesday, April 16 in the major leagues for what is believed will be its most glorious season in history.

They're Off--Here's the Way They'll Finish--It Says Here

After listening to latrine rumors of a different nature for four years, VET VOICE staff members got their noggins together long enough to spout their opinions of the different clubs of the major leagues. Here's the way we figure them to finish.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON
NEW YORK
DETROIT
CLEVELAND
WASHINGTON
ST. LOUIS
CHICAGO
PHILADELPHIA (of course)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS
CHICAGO
BROOKLYN
PITTSBURGH
BOSTON
NEW YORK
CINCINNATI
PHILADELPHIA (but natch)

500-Mile Oval Starts Biggest Season

Heavy Lettuce Dept.

\$20,000 To \$60,000 To Be Slave Wage For ExServicemen

The pay raise for service personnel presently before Congress may influence some people, but it's just short change to baseballers who were in the service. (In dollars and cents, at the end of the season, some of the returning diamond greats will be worth more than a whole Army of generals. No cracks, please.)

HANK GREENBERG, an ex-Army captain, will probably top the list with \$60,000, while next in line will probably be Rapid Robert Feller with \$45,000. Other ex-servicemen expected to receive high salaries for the season are Joe DiMaggio, \$42,500; Ted Williams, \$40,000; Dick Wakefield, \$35,000; Dixie Walker, \$22,500, and Joe Gordon, \$20,000. (Ed. Note: That's quite a T/O. Must be the Air Force.)

After four years of complete idleness on behalf of the war effort, the 500 mile race in Indianapolis is beginning to feel its oats once again, and returning veterans are right in the middle of it.

REX MAYS, colorful speedster, recently discharged from the Air Force has already filed his entry. Frank Wearne, and Emil Andres are working on their mounts after recent discharges, and other veterans certain to be on hand for the starting flag are Floyd Davis, co-winner with Mauri Rose at the final race in 1941; Paul Russo; and Sam Hanks.

The classic, which drew 180,000 fans in 1941 for the largest sports crowd in America will again do business at the same old stand on the traditional Race Day, May 30.

Twenty entries have already been received and a final flurry of about thirty more is expected. Drivers are already working on their iron buggies at the track, and the asphalt is expected to start jumpin' the last week in April as drivers get their car assembled and attempt to iron out the kinks.

THE PRIZE this year will be \$20,000 and lap prizes of another \$20,000 have been subscribed by firms as an advertising medium.

Majors Expect Vets To Furnish Few Of Future Stars

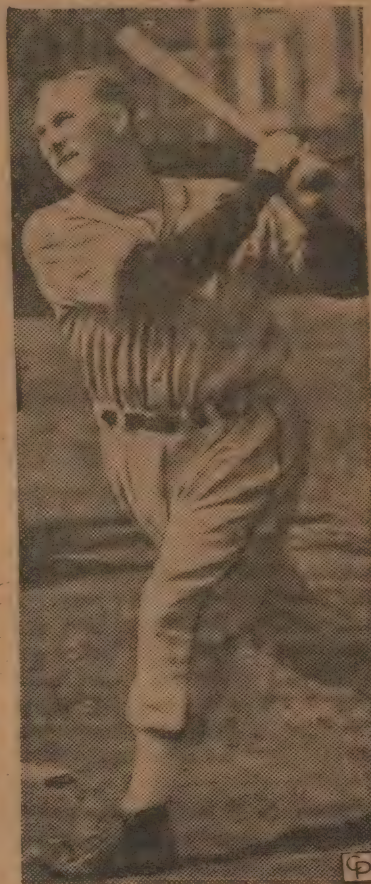
DESPITE the fact that most of the big name baseball stars are out of the service uniform and back in their team uniform, baseball has the greatest talent hunt on in its history.

Reason for this ivory search is the veteran baseballer himself. As one baseball authority said, "Not all vets returning will round into form. In addition, some of them were about through when they went in service and are definitely on the down grade now."

HE THEN went on to predict that a lot of veterans would drop out of ball completely, saying, "Their ideas have changed and they may have other ideas about making a living. Or they may not want to start over again in a lower league."

He then said that little talent was expected to come from the ranks of the ex-GI. "Those who lacked experience at the time have lost a lot of time. We expect to get most of our future stars from kids who were too young for the service and are just now developing.

Yank Up North



These stars, some of the greatest of all time, have been away from one to five years, and their return is viewed by their fans with the enthusiasm of a kid who opens a box of crackerjack and finds the secret to the atomic bomb—or a box of "Forever Yours."

THE COMEBACK of these veterans will be watched closely.

Although they have been out of big league action for many, many months, most of the stars appeared to be their old selves in the obstacle course of Florida this spring. In addition, Feller and Greenberg returned in time for brief appearances last year. However, their ability to stand the competitive gaff over the long stretch is the 64 dollar question. After all, a lot can happen to the temperamental muscles of the finely drawn baseball player in four years time.

But if batting eyes are dulled, or throwing arms do not have their old zip, there will probably be a record number of persons getting the info first hand. More than 11,000,000 fans viewed the small time baseball of last year, and with the return of about 10,000,000 veterans, and higher type ball, the turnstiles are expected to click to a new record this year.

NIGHT baseball, which came

SENATOR CLAGHORN would probably object to this picture of a Yank training up north and he wouldn't be alone in the objection. The Yankee management doesn't like it, either, for the player working out is Charley (Red) Ruffing, the big pitcher of the club. Ruffing balked at an offer to fly to Panama with the club and has been working out in Chicago since. (International)

of age in the war years, gathered more supporters in the winter months when the Yanks and the Boston Braves added a lighting system to their parks. This leaves only the Boston Red Sox, Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs as the clubs where the public cannot find their baseball under a candle.

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CARD HURLERS—St. Louis hurlers, left to right, are Ted Wilks, Max Surkonk, John Grodzicki, Ernie White and Howie Pollett.

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THE VETERAN'S VOICE

HIGH NUMBER VETS SHOWN UNEMPLOYED IN QUARTER FIGURES

Readjustment Pay

Unemployed Vets Double the Amount Of Citizenry in Jobless Figures

If figures are any indication then there are almost twice as many veterans as other citizens unemployed in Indiana today.

ALMOST \$10,000,000 has been paid to veterans in Indiana during the first three months of 1946 in the form of \$20 a week readjustment checks. Two and one-half million dollars of that were paid out in the last two weeks of March while all other unemployed citizens were getting approximately \$1,200,000 in the same 14 day period—or about half the amount.

While it is impossible to estimate the total unemployed veterans in Indiana, these figures seem to indicate that there are close to 60,000 without jobs. If this is true then it means that about 15% of the returning servicemen are not working at the moment.

This rise has been both rapid and constant since V-J Day. In the first thirteen weeks of 1946 checks were issued for \$9,642,991. This is three times as much money issued to veterans than for the entire 52 week period of 1945, when the total was \$2,800,000.

THE FINAL two weeks of March showed that more veterans were reemployed than ever before in history, and if the present trend continues a grand total of at least \$30,000,000 can be expected to be the readjustment figure for veterans during 1946.

A Bunny Lassie



THIS IS the Miami, Fla., version of what the bathing cuties will wear at the annual Easter parade along the beach. This season tame rabbits will be taken along for seasonal atmosphere. Miss Shirley Modell is a model with an extra "L"—as any one can see.

Vets to Get Crack At Jobs Uncovered In Indiana Drive

Veterans are to get first crack at jobs uncovered in the present state-wide drive for job registration, according to the Veterans' Division of USES.

THE CAMPAIGN is directed at employers in an effort to ferret out every available job in Indiana as an aid in the present employment problem.

Approximately 400 employers have been reached by personal contact by the 23 USES offices in the state, and an additional 1,500 have been contacted by mail in which the need for their cooperation was stressed.

SINCE the campaign was inaugurated late in March it is still too early to determine results of the initial drive, but the campaign will be continued throughout the state until the employment picture improves.

Should Help

Soon after the lld was clamped on industrial building, another order followed last week permitting some home construction other than vet housing.

"This should help," said Mr. Albert O. Evans, head of CPA enforcement agency in Indiana. "These houses will be in the higher cost brackets and should make available some lower cost housing which will be in the price range of the major portion of veterans."

1,220 Veterans Are Jobless In Anderson Area

Records of United States employment service office show that there are 1,220 World War II veterans, without re-employment rights, who are still jobless in the Anderson area.

THE JOBLESS service men include 920 at Anderson, 143 at Elwood, 77 at Alexandria and 80 at Tipton. Robert Sloane, director of veterans' employment, has made an appeal to employers to place orders for workers.

Two thousand veterans with re-employment rights have been returned to jobs at Delco-Remy and Guide Lamp plants.

The Sign Speaks for Itself



Left to right, Joseph S. Johnston, Mgr., Ernest J. Pugh, and Alfred A. Pugh.

A bit of realism with some smart advertising sense is the combination that is paying dividends to several GIs at a north-side Indianapolis filling station these days. Joseph S. Johnston, manager of the station, remembers vaguely what happened to vets of the last war.

TAKING A PAGE from the book he decided to beat the situation to the punch by putting a sign to the effect that "We're not selling apples. We're selling gas."

The idea caught on to such an extent that in the last three months the business tripped. Himself a vet from the European theatre, Mr. Johnston has a staff composed entirely of veterans at the station at 22nd and Capitol.

HE INTENDS TO keep it that way and says that he will give disabled vets first crack at all future openings. Mr. Johnston evidently had in mind the statistics which show that only one crippled veteran in five is getting placed in industry at the present time.

He is also putting into effect a profit sharing plan for all his co-workers.

AVC Plan For Auto For Legless Vets Meets Setback

An AVC supported program to aid the disabled veteran met with failure last week.

IT HAD BEEN the campaign of AVC to have the government present automobiles to veterans whose limbs had been amputated, but VA ruled last week that under existing law they could not do so. General Bradley handed down the information and Dr. Paul R. Hawley, VA medical director, concurred in the decision. AVC had appeared before VA and Congress in an effort to gather support for the measure.

Meanwhile in Chicago, the United Auto Workers Union (CIO) voted to buy three especially-built automobiles and present them to veterans' hospitals so that amputees could learn to drive.

Come Hell Or High-Water?

WATCH FOR THIS SUPREME COURT RULING

IS THE RETURNING VETERAN ENTITLED TO HIS OLD JOB BACK REGARDLESS OF WHOM HE DISPLACES?

That's the 64 dollar question facing the Supreme Court at the moment. Keep your eye peeled for a decision that should bemaude sometime within the next thirty days.

THE "TEST CASE" INVOLVES Abraham Fishgold, a Brooklyn, N. Y., vet who was laid off his job while a man employed 13 days before Fishgold in 1941 was retained. Local courts ruled in favor of Fishgold, while the Circuit Court of Appeals

handed down a 2-1 decision in favor of the company.

Section 8 of the Selective Service Act enacted by Congress in a somewhat evasive manner says "the veteran shall have his old job, or a similar one." No mention as to prior rights was established.

The Supreme Court has been handed the hot potato for final decision, and what the "nine old men" decide will be the employment concern of millions of individuals.

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VETERANS CAN VOTE IN PRIMARY STAND OF CONGRESS CANDIDATES WITH NO REGISTRATION NEEDED THROUGHOUT INDIANA IS SECURED

There should be a high number of veterans voting in the primaries on May 7. If not, then it is their own fault, because absolutely no one has to be registered to vote in this first peacetime primary held in Indiana.

In addition it is no longer necessary to have lived in a precinct 30 days or to have lived six months in this state.

VET VOICE reporters this week obtained this information from Edwin Steers, Sr., Republican member on the State Election Board. Any person can vote simply by filing an affidavit at the precinct when they cast their ballot, stating that they live in that precinct area.

With this development, far more persons are expected to trek to the polls than in 1944 when the almost disgraceful percentage of slightly more than 25 percent of the total population cast primary ballot. (For more information, please note Guest Voice column by Maurice Early on Page five of this issue.)

IN STATING the interpretation that the State Election Board had placed on the law which had been enacted in 1945, Mr. Steers pointed out that persons wishing to vote in the fall must be certain to register before then. In

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Executive Council To Hold Session May 5 at Laporte

Highlights of the forthcoming Executive Council meeting to be held in LaPorte May 5 will be the formation of a Legislative Committee, and a discussion of the possibility of holding Town Meetings.

IT IS HOPED that the LaPorte meeting will be as successful and well attended as the last meeting, at which every chapter in Indiana was represented. Other business to come before the meeting will be an analysis of the financial situation and membership activities.

The meeting will be called for 2:15 p. m. in the YMCA. All delegates are urged to attend.

Conducting an extensive survey, VET VOICE has taken an exclusive peep into the political future of Indiana. With the coming primaries in mind, members of the staff sent a direct letter to every candidate seeking nomination for Congress throughout Hoosierdom and asked for specific replies on controversial questions of concern to every veteran.

THE NOMINEES were queried regarding their stand on (1) housing subsidies, (2) price ceilings on existing dwellings (3) OPA, (4) Fair Employment Practice Commission, and (5) 65-cent minimum wage.

REPLIES FROM approximately 50 percent of the nominees were received in time for this edition and appear elsewhere in VETERAN'S VOICE. They are provided

as a service in order that veterans may be more thoroughly informed when casting their ballots on Tuesday for men who if elected will be responsible for enacting important legislation in the critical readjustment period of the next two years. Generally speaking, the Democrats heard from lined up solidly behind the questions asked.

THERE WAS NOT a single dissenting vote cast by men of that party on any of the five questions. A few, however, did qualify their remarks. The Republicans, on the other hand, were sharply divided in their opinions on these questions, which if answered affirmatively, follow the so-called "liberal" trend.

FOR INSTANCE, the Republican vote
(Continued on Page 3)

Ind. Representatives Play Part In House Massacre of OPA Rule

Seven Indiana representatives went against the wishes of the people they were to represent when on April 17 they voted for amendments which practically killed OPA. Despite the fact that almost 75% of the people of Indiana are shown to favor retention of OPA—with limited changes—Representatives Gillie, Grant, Halleck, Harness, Johnson, Springer, and Wilson turned a deaf ear to the pleas and joined in on the amendment berge.

For instance, as a starter, the House flexed its muscles by voting to reduce OPA control from 12 to 9 months. Amendment No. 2, was to the effect that no ceiling should be put on anything

below which everyone from producer to retailer can make a "reasonable profit."

Amendment No. 3 went even farther and called for removal of price ceilings when production figures on commodities equal the 1940-41 production figure. This failed completely to take into account that demand is much greater now than it was at that period.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 called for the liquidation of subsidies on agricultural products and to be replaced by higher prices to absorb the differences. The Fifth Amendment asked for removal of all subsidies on meats after June 30, 1946, and for necessary adjustments to be made in meat prices.

Not content with this action, the House effectively gave OPA the real knock-out blow in the final amendment. This one protected the wholesale industry.

The Administrator cannot reduce wholesale markups before the wholesale unit sales shall have reached the annual wholesale sales record of 1939-41 for a period of six months.

No Sympathy

It was close, but the House decided there was no reason to offer sympathy to the American people for the way it was chopping up the administration-sponsored OPA bill last week.

THE HOUSE had been adopting amendments so fast that from sheer momentum the members shouted tentative approval when Representative Herman P. Kopplemann (Dem., Conn.), suggested a new section to the bill. It read: "We sympathize with the American people."

But before the amendment could be pasted in the bill, somebody demanded a standing vote and the amendment was rejected, 142 to 52.

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The American Veterans Committee is a national organization of World War II veterans boasting such prominent members as Harold Stassen, Philip Willkie, Robert Allen, John Hersey, Bill Mauldin, Melvyn Douglas, and Ronald Reagan.

We are proud of the fact that the chapters of Indiana were the first in the nation to band into a statewide organization. Although we are a comparatively new group we have already exerted influence far beyond our numbers because of the active interest we have displayed in the important issues of the day.

Our basic philosophy is, "Citizens first, veterans second," and we intend that to be the motivating concept in our every action.

With that in mind we intend to take an active interest in the coming primary throughout the state. Issues -- not personalities -- will be our concern. Therefore in the next edition of The Veteran's Voice, official publication of the American Veterans Committee in Indiana, we intend to publish the stand taken by various candidates on specific issues about which we are seriously concerned.

We are asking that you give us a reply on these questions:

1. Do you favor a subsidy for erection of new houses?
2. Do you favor a price ceiling on the sale of dwellings now standing?
3. Do you favor OPA? -- If so, with what restrictions?
4. Are you in favor of FEPC?
5. Do you favor a 65¢ minimum wage bill?

An immediate reply to this inquiry will be sincerely appreciated as we would like to compile our survey by April 26th. Please address all correspondence in the following manner: The Veteran's Voice, Attn: Robert Long, Editor, 305 Inland Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

Very Sincerely yours,

THE VETERAN'S VOICE

Robert Long, Editor

INTERESTING AND QUALIFYING ANSWERS BY CANDIDATES

SALE CEILING
ON OLD HOUSES

	For	Against	?
Republicans	6	5	3
Democrats	11	0	3

ROBERT E. BROWN, INDIANAPOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DISTRICT: No. I do not favor placing a price ceiling on dwellings now standing. In my opinion, this would result in taking most existing properties off the market and would not solve the present housing shortage.

BEN F. GARLAND, HUNTINGBURG, (D) EIGHTH DISTRICT: I favor a ceiling on all houses erected after Dec. 7, 1941. I do not believe that any ceiling should be necessary on houses of ancient architecture. In other words, Houses built with war profit motive should not be above a rea-

sonable profit. The only fair way would be ceiling per room on all houses regardless of age.

WILLIAM W. WELSH, PERU, (D) FIFTH DISTRICT: Yes. Price ceilings on dwellings now standing are necessary but the basis should be other than a "last sale" basis.

SHOULD OPA
BE CONTINUED

	For	Against	?
Republicans	5	4	5
Democrats	10	0	4

W. G. BOHNSTENGEL, EVANSVILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: Positively not. After four years in Washington in research work and inside of Government I consider OPA one of the poorest managed and administered offices in the entire Government. I favor price control on certain items, but most assuredly not by hairbrained administrators such as are in charge of most government offices. Congress should pass legislation establishing the formula for prices and throw OPA out the window, bag and baggage.

SAMUEL W. WOODSMALL, TERRE HAUTE, (R) SIXTH DISTRICT: Yes. It is necessary to prevent inflation and OPA is operating paradoxically today. We need law enforcement to protect our citizens against the black market and something should be done to break the strike of producers and manufacturers against price ceilings of the OPA.

J. E. SOLAN, HAMMOND, (R) FIRST DISTRICT: OPA should be decided by referendum vote of constituents.

JOHN K. LUTZ, INDIANAPOLIS, (D) ELEVENTH DISTRICT: Yes. OPA must be extended for at least one year, or chaotic conditions will prevail. The stoppage for one year of all exports of building material and clothing, exclusive of the armed forces will help to release the vast quantities of these materials to the general public. At the present time, great stores are being hoarded by the

manufacturers awaiting the discontinuance of OPA.

GERALD W. LANDIS, LINTON, (R) SEVENTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE at the present time: I favor OPA with some restrictions and decent administration. However, you cannot raise wages without increasing prices. Private enterprise will not produce at a loss. (Ed. note: Mr. Landis voted for every amendment of OPA in the recent House vote, including one which did not pass which would have taken all ceilings off meats.)

WILLIAM W. WELSH, PERU, (D) SEVENTH DISTRICT: I favor OPA without crippling amendments. However, I am not in favor with its administration. In my opinion much of the unpopularity of OPA could have been avoided if its administration had been intelligent and in sympathy with OPA objectives.

MINIMUM WAGE
OF 65 CENTS

	For	Against	?
Republicans	10	2	2
Democrats	11	0	3

ROBERT E. BROWN, INDIANAPOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DISTRICT: No. In my opinion, this is an illusory benefit and will not raise the standard of the laboring man. Price of consumer's goods will have to be adjusted to the minimum price for wages and in the end the raise in wages will not give the laboring man increased buying power. When I was in high school I worked at the Indianapolis Public Library for 20 cents an hour. That is a poor wage. Had there been a minimum wage that work would not have been done. In that work I gained a knowledge of books and authors that was worth far more than would have been a good rate at the time.

JAMES E. NOLAND, BLOOMINGTON, (D) SEVENTH DISTRICT: Yes, because a high wage for the worker means that the farmer can get a good price for farm produce and the manufacturer can successfully sell their products.

J. E. CAMPBELL, EVANSVILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: The demand of CIO, and the "New Dealism philosophy," that industry pay whatever they request is ruining our country. Welfare of country, instead, depends upon full cooperation between Labor and Management. In most instances, in large metropolitan areas, a minimum wage becomes the maximum, and that is one thing we do not want.

FAIR
EMPLOYMENT

	For	Against	?
Republicans	7	3	4
Democrats	11	0	3

PAUL E. TOMBAUGH, INDIANAPOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DISTRICT: I will follow the Republican party on that question. However, I cannot imagine myself agreeing with Senator Bilbo on any legislation of this nature.

J. E. CAMPBELL, EVANSVILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: There is one basic philosophy which you might consider in your discussion with people and that is that you cannot force people to respect you, or hire you because you are a certain race, color, or creed. Respect and confidence is something which the individual, himself, must earn.

ROBERT E. BROWN, INDIANAPOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DISTRICT: No. I favor continuance of FEPC until such time as it is determined that the period of war economy to peace time economy is completed. It was an emergency war measure to in-

sure full employment and maximum production, and has no function in competitive peacetime industry.

GUY R. COFFIN, MONTICELLO, (R) SECOND DISTRICT: I am not familiar with that section of the alphabet, but wish the best for the veterans and will cooperate in their views if sound.

SUBSIDIES FOR
HOUSING

	For	Against	?
Republicans	4	8	
Democrats	11	0	3

WILLIAM W. WELSH, PERU, (D) FIFTH DISTRICT: Yes. I am anxious to implement any housing legislation by providing for a co-operative method of building houses. Private enterprise is unable at this time to build houses within the price ceiling that most people can pay. I also favor regulations limiting resale of such homes to the co-operatives.

JAMES E. NOLAND, BLOOMINGTON, (D) SEVENTH DISTRICT: Yes. Because it will make housing units available to veterans at near a cost they can afford.

J. E. CAMPBELL, EVANSVILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: No. During the chaotic period of "New Dealism" we have seen pressure groups, subsidies, coercion, and every other form of political corruption in operation.

W. G. BOHNSTENGEL, EVANSVILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: No. I am unequivocally opposed to subsidies in any form for any purpose, for the reason that this is a form of taxation of the public at large for the benefit of a certain section of that population. The benefit of any portion of the population is not only wrong, but is unconstitutional.

HERE IS WAY CANDIDATES VOTE IF ELECTED

	Cong. Dist.	Housing Subsidy	House Sale Ceiling	Fair Employ. Practice	65c Minimum Wage
*Ray J. Madden	1	Y	Y	Y	Y
August Kizikink (R)	1	Y	Y	N	Y
Harry A. Lyon (D)	1			Y	Y
J. E. Sloan (R)	1	N	N	Y	Y
Guy R. Coffin (R)	2	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dr. Glen Warner (D)	3	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Gonas (D)	3	Y	Y	Y	Y
T. H. McCuddy (D)	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
William Welsh (D)	5	Y	Y	Y	Y
James V. Kent, Jr. (D)	5	Y	Y	Y	Y
H. R. Fawcett (R)	5	N	Y	Y	Y
T. A. Sigler (D)	6	Y	Y	Y	Y
Samuel W. Woodsmall (R)	6	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wm. J. Powell (D)	7	Y	Y		Y
John Adams (D)	7				
James Noland (D)	7	Y	Y	Y	Y
*Gerald Landis (R)	7	N		Y	Y
Ben F. Garland (D)	8	Y	Y	Y	
W. G. Bohnstengel (R)	8	N	N	Y	Y
Eugene K. Linney, Sr. (R)	8	N		Y	Y
J. E. Campbell (R)	8	N	N	N	N
Randall S. Harmon (R)	10	N	Y	Y	
John Lutz (D)	11	Y	Y	Y	Y
C. F. Hartling (D)	11			Y	
Fern Norris (R)	11				Y
J. Edgar Burton (R)	11	Y	N	N	Y
Paul Tombaugh (R)	11		Y	Y	
Robert Brown (R)	11	N	N	N	N

KEY: (Y) Yes. (N) No. If space is left blank then qualified remarks or is not familiar with issue. (*) Re-running for nomination.

HOUSING SUBSIDIES reference to provisions similar to Patman bill proviso, to be granted builders, and intended to make a \$6,000 home possible. (Defeated in House. Reinstated in Senate).

HOUSE SALE CEILING is another Patman bill provision, intending to place a ceiling on all houses now standing. (Defeated in both Houses.)

OPA CONTINUANCE. Without crippling amendments. (Defeated in House. Now before Senate for debate.)

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MAY 7-9

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"The Oklahoma Kid"
Jack Haley "Sing Your Way Home"
"Hop Harrigan" — Late News

FRIDAY THRU MONDAY
MAY 10-13

— First Indianapolis Showing —
Sunset Carson — Peggy Stewart
"Alias, Billy the Kid"
Robt. Armstrong
"Gangs of Waterfront"
"Daughter of Don Q" — Late News

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MAY 2-4

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- During war served in England, France, Belgium and Germany under General Patton. Awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Silver Star and Bronze Star. Now engaged in active law practice.
- ALEX CLARK, Deputy Prosecutor since 1941, serving in both the Criminal Court and the Municipal Courts at police station. Practicing law in the county, state and federal courts, active worker for many years in Republican party.
- Secretary of Young Republicans Organization of Marion County 1940-1941. Endorsed for Prosecuting Attorney by Marion County Republican Veterans Organization of World War II.

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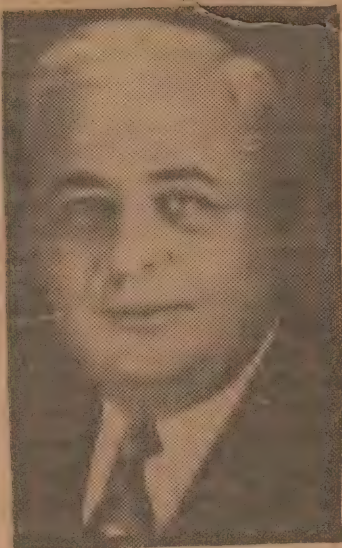
Congressional Voting Record of Men Seeking Renomination

	Geo. Gillie (Republican)	Robert Grant (Republican)	Charles Halleck (Republican)	Forrest Harness (Republican)	Nobel Johnson (Republican)	Charles Lafollette (Republican)	Gerald Landis (Republican)	Louis Ludlow (Democrat)	Ray Madden (Democrat)	Ray Springer (Republican)	Earl Wilson (Republican)
Congressional District	4	3	2	5	6	8	7	11	1	10	9
Guam Naval Base (2-23-39)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?
Draft Extension (8-12-41)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Placing \$25,000 salary limit (4-20-43)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Anti-Poll Tax Bill (5-25-43)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Continuing Dies Committee (5-18-43)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Reduced Funds For OPA Enforcement (6-18-43)	?	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	-	+	+
Roll Call On Soldier Vote (2-1-44)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
Case Anti-Labor Bill	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
Patman Bill (Original Form) (3-46)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
Amendments Killing OPA (4-17-46)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	?

+ Yes
- No
? Paired (No Vote)

Charles J. Russell Republican Candidate for Marion County Sheriff

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PRIMARY ELECTION
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- CHARLES J. RUSSELL is a native of Marion County. He knows the people and their problems. He is considerate of both. He is of and for the citizens of his home county.
- He is an experienced police officer. He is a veteran in police work with thirty years of service in the Indianapolis Police Department.
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- CHARLES J. RUSSELL has been tried and tested in every branch of police activity. In every instance, during his long years in the department, he proved his ability. He has performed his duties impartially, fairly, in a manner that has reflected credit both upon himself and upon the department. His record is spotless.
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- CHARLES J. RUSSELL is qualified, experienced, tested and tried. He is the logical man for Marion County Sheriff.

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Congress Stand

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on the subsidy question was FOR—4, AGAINST—8, with 8 qualifying their remarks. On OPA, however, the same party vote was FOR—5, AGAINST—4, and 5 undecided or indefinite.

On this particular question, Gerald Landis, Seventh District Republican representative in the House—and one of the two Congressmen who replied in time—said "I favor OPA with some restrictions and decent administration." In the recent crippling House vote in Congress, he voted for every amendment presented before the session.

MOST OF THE Republicans marked in favor of FEPC and 65-cent minimum wage, with J. E. Campbell, Evansville, Eighth district, and Robert Brown, Indianapolis, Eleventh District, voting in the negative on all questions.

Incidentally, about 40 per cent of all men who replied are World War II veterans. Campbell, a veteran of both wars who is running for the seat to be vacated as Charles M. Lafollette seeks the Senatorial nomination came out in denunciation of the AVC policy of "Citizens First, Veterans Second."

In the final analysis, the report seemed to indicate that Democrats on Tuesday would probably nominate Liberal candidates in almost every district. The fight in the Republican nomination appeared wide open with conservative elements seeming to have a slight edge.

AVC Member Quits Republican Race Calling for New Party Leadership

An AVC member last week withdrew his nomination from the Republican ticket in Indiana because he is "diametrically opposed to the views of much of the leadership, both national and local," Walton Manning, member of Indianapolis Chapter No. 1, but whose residence is listed in Muncie, Indiana, threw a bombshell into Delaware County political circles by withdrawing his candidacy for the state legislature.

HE EXPLAINED his stand in a lengthy advertisement in Muncie papers in which he stated directly "Too many of the key Republicans in this county resent youth and new ideas."

He called for a return by the Republican party to the humble charity of Lincoln's time, "and which lived briefly with Wendell Willkie."

In withdrawing from the race, Mr. Manning said it was the "First time I have ever quit in my life. But if nominated I could not support the leaders of the Republican party today."

In making his specific charges about the reactionary leadership existing in the Republican party today Mr. Manning pointed to the Republican stand on the Wyatt housing bill, and OPA, both of which were defeated by a concerted line-up of Republican House members.

He said that "too many Republican leaders are anti-some minority."

ON THE LOCAL FRONT, Mr. Manning said that "key Republicans are telling deliberate false-

Vets Can Vote

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other words, this new law applies only to the primary.

Clarification of the ruling had been needed for sometime since a contradiction was ever apparent.

Section 45 of the election laws states that person must be registered to vote. Section 85, however makes the provision for an affidavit, and states the procedure more specifically. Since Section 85 was more specific in its wording, the Commission felt that its provisions should draw precedence over the general clauses of Section 45.

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OUR EDITORIALS

Representatives

Remember Action of Our Representatives in Times Gone By

Frankly, it's confusing. There was a time in times gone by when the politician made a play for the veteran's vote by giving out with legislation favoring the returning soldier. Some of the laws were good and were a definite help in aiding the veteran to readjust to civilian life. Others were bad using cheap political tricks to create a special privileged group out of the ex-serviceman. These efforts were standard. They were as much a part of the routine as baby kissing and cigar hand-outs.

But things have changed. They don't do that anymore. As a matter of fact, they now safety-pin their re-election hopes on an entirely different set of breeches. Best indication of that is the recent action in our House of Representatives.

First, with the veteran in dire need of housing and a price ceiling on houses, three out of every four of our representatives voted against the very measures which would have made these things possible. But the way the bill stood when they got through with it, the only people it really helped were the realtors.

Then along came OPA. What happened? Well, for one thing the National Association of Manufacturers came out for complete abolition of all price control and was reported to have \$20,000,000 salted away to advertise the fact. Recent full page ads carrying their signature would seem to bear this out.

No Bonus

State G.I. Bills Needed

The clamor for a state bonus to veterans is growing louder with some of the older veterans organizations carrying the ball this time. We thought it was a bad idea when the Democratic Party and the CIO-PAC first proposed it. It hasn't become any better in our eyes under the sponsorship of a veterans' organization.

However, it's easy to criticize, and there is a definite place for some kind of state assistance to veterans who need it, so we respectfully submit the idea of an "Indiana GI Bill."

The idea was first advanced by the Cleveland chapter of AVC to help the state of Ohio spend its largest surplus in history. Fortunately, Indiana is also in the pleasant position of having spare cash on hand, \$31,139,322.92 of unappropriated surplus as of March 31st, to be exact.

Under this plan the state would augment the federal payment of living allowances under the education provisions of the GI Bill. The amount of unemployment compensation, and the amount of guaran-

On the other hand, veterans' groups throughout the nation, as well as the housewife, labor groups, white collar workers, and some farmers—people who really make up this nation of ours—showed as best they could how desperately they needed price control.

They didn't want it permanently. And they said so. But they did want it long enough to give this vast surge of economic chaos, created by six years of war, a chance to subside. They saw what happened after the last war—and they didn't want it to happen again.

But what did Congress do? Almost 75 per cent of our Representatives voted for the amendments which take every bit of zing out of the OPA. In other words, they voted against the people they were elected to represent. Among the group were seven from Indiana.

This is not accidental. To happen twice in such a short period of time on such important issues which would be of very definite help to the people shows very definitely that they have their ear to the ground—but not on the sod that the people trod.

But once again—the wounded don't cry. We are fortunate to have a weapon with which to fight. As veterans seeking a chance to readjust normally to become productive citizens once again, we ask you to check the record of your Congressman between now and Tuesday, May 7, 1946. . .

teed loans. In addition, the state would provide increased compensation for veterans who are hospitalized.

This plan distributes the benefits to those who actually need them rather than broadcast as under a bonus plan. The money spent in a state GI Bill would be a wise investment in the education and economic usefulness of those veterans who could not achieve these without some help. A bonus, on the other hand, spread thin to cover 250,000 veterans, would not accomplish anything.

In a future edition of the "Veterans Voice" we shall print the plan in detail with the exact provisions and the amounts necessary under this plan.

In the meantime, talk it over with your fellow members and your friends. Perhaps you can suggest means for implementing the Indiana GI Bill. AVC should take the lead in this proposal. It is in keeping with our motto, "Citizens First—Veterans Second."

idealistic concept. That's true. But it ain't human. People won't do it on an equal basis. And there will be no concerted action. By the way, have you cut down to the minimum two days a week? See, it's not solving a doggone thing.

So let's face it. Let's go about it in an orderly, business-like, equal way. Therefore, we ask the government to once again set up a nation-wide food rationing program. Gallup polls show that the people of the U.S. would back such a system.

As a matter of fact, if given a chance, they've been shown to favor controls of all kinds until this confused and frustrated world of ours has a chance to get back to normal. In this regard, they seem to see the issue far more clearly than the majority of our Representatives.



Note To The Politicians

On The Coming Elections

"Congress may forget heroes," as one overseas reporter observed, "but it never forgets voters."

Two years ago, the Army and Navy brought us our ballots—in England, in New Guinea, India and the Persian Gulf. We marked them and hoped for the best. The Senators and Representatives were elected, and we got vague reports on laws they passed or turned down.

Then came victory and demobilization, and now we are home to see just what kind of men we elected. While we were in service there was little we could do but watch. Now we can act. CONGRESSMEN ARE MORE THAN CASUALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT 12,000,000 YOUNG CITIZENS WANT.

The GI's have demonstrated once their ability to speak up. Whatever the justice of their claims, all over the world, thousands of men in uniform joined in organized protests against demobilization schedules. They knew what they wanted.

Now, they are citizens, and they are learning for the first time, some of them, the names of their representatives in Washington. They are being forced to learn.

Veterans need homes and there are none. The veterans found out how their elected officials voted on THE ISSUES DEFEATING ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE PATMAN BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE BUILDING OF HOMES.

Both Senator Bilbo and Representative Rankin are being opposed in the next election by veterans of this war. New Orleans' powerful machine mayor was recently defeated by a returned serviceman. Approximately 75 veterans are now campaigning for national offices in primaries around the country.

Veterans just beginning to take part in politics will undoubtedly make mistakes. We have no complete assurance that veterans will behave politically as "CITIZENS FIRST, VETERANS SECOND," as the American Veterans Committee slogan reads. But at least they will get off the side-lines and into the battle.

They will be active because they need things, and they are being let down too often by those in power. They need jobs with opportunity, and they are getting unemployment. They have seen cagy, selfish senators attach riders to minimum wage bills making it impossible for them to be passed.

They need security, and they run the risk of getting inflation. They need homes and they are DEFEATED BY WELL-HEELED PRIVATE LOBBIES. And as they watch the issues develop they see more clearly than ever before, the powerful influence these groups are having in shaping legislation that is not beneficial to the things that the veteran believes in today.

The thing we have been trying to say in a most involved manner is that the politician running for office in the primaries in a couple of weeks must be in a position to tell the returning veteran STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER what he stands for. He will then have to raise or fall upon those beliefs.

And that is as it should be. The veteran is not going to be fooled by a lot of SHOE-FLY PIE AND APPLE PAN DOWDY.

And why is this? There are a lot of reasons which have all done their share of influencing the hard-hitting, realistic reasoning of the veteran. He has had a lot of time to think, to see, and to reason.

Brand spanking new concepts that never before entered his head began to knock and demand that he let them in. Emotion, frustration, confusion, all of the by-products of war and regimentation have given the veteran an earnest desire to hear a spade called just exactly that.

He learned a lot about how not to live while in the military caste system, and he won't give up civilian liberties easily. He will take the responsibilities that go with those liberties more seriously.

He saw what war is, in Berlin and Hiroshima, at Anzio and Tarawa, and we will be working for a REAL INTERNATIONALISM that can prevent any nation from ever again breaking the peace.

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International

We Need More Ration—And Less Hashin'

Throughout the nation, and certainly in Indiana chapters, the American Veterans Committee has been quick to sense the need for a call to action to do something about the terrible food shortage facing starving people of other countries.

Soldiers who have seen the need first hand cannot soon forget. They see the issue clearly. Something must be done. As a matter of fact, even without the advantage of visual stimulus, all citizenry of America has enough humanity in its soul to want to do something about it.

But what do we really do? We drag out our back fences and really go to town with that grand old American custom—TALK. We ask "every one to cooperate and go on a reduced diet for two days a week."

That's not the answer. It's a very fine,

Guest Voice:

Maurice Early, Indianapolis Star Columnist, Stresses The Veterans Responsibility In Coming Primaries

Note: Mr. Early's column, *The Day In Indiana*, is a daily feature of *The Indianapolis Star*. He recently returned from an extensive trip throughout South America with a group of Indianapolis businessmen.)

Many G.I.'s are taking notice of politics this year for the first time. When they went off to the wars they were too young to bother about elections and candidates. So they may think there is something new in the criticism that "machine" politicians are making slates of candidates to be voted on in the primary election May 7.

THIS CRITICISM of the activity of the major political parties is only partly justified. If a few of the leaders did not use some judgment in directing the nomination of candidates the results might be worse than they are. If there is to be a finger of guilt directed, it should be aimed at the citizen who does not vote in the primary.

If there was a full turnout of the voters it would be extremely difficult for a few party leaders in a "smoke filled room" to make decisions about candidacies.

This is all preliminary to the question I am asked to discuss in *The Veteran's Voice*—"why should the veteran vote in the primary and take an active interest in politics?"

Knowing the principles of the American Veterans Committee, I am discussing the veteran participating in politics, not as a veteran, but as a citizen.

VETERAN-CITIZENS, like a majority of other citizens, take this voting business too lightly. When they fail to vote they are guilty of a betrayal of the

democratic method. By their inaction they let a handful of men decide who will be their local officials and congressmen.

I do not mean to infer that the leaders of the party organization do not try to get good men to be candidates, but their conception of what is "good" might be far different than the expression by a large percentage of the citizens in the voting booths.

If history repeats itself in the primary election May 7, a big majority of the veterans, as well as all other citizens, will betray their duty.

When there is not a relatively full turnout of the voters of a party in the primary it is simple for the machine to control results except in rare instances.

WHEN THREE-FOURTHS of the voters decline to participate in the primary, the one-fourth that does the balloting consists chiefly of the organization crowd, their friends and the groups they control. By liberal expenditures the organization crowd can buy votes "legally." All that has to be done is to hire "workers to stand around the polls on election day."

Unfortunately elections are not always honest in the larger centers of population. There is not the least doubt that there are illegal practices to count in the candidates favored by those who have control of the election machinery in a primary.

The situation got so corrupt in the larger Indiana cities in recent years that a new system of counting was inaugurated. This is the central count. Precinct election officials are not permitted to open the ballot boxes and count the vote. Instead the ballots are taken to a central place where they are counted, supposedly under the watchful eye of interested candidates or their representatives. But even this sys-

tem is subject to some manipulation when there is a small vote.

IT WOULD be extremely difficult for any group to steal an election if there was a full participation of the voters in the primary. A majority of election officials are honest, either because they are good citizens or because they fear detection and punishment.

The cheating is done in isolated sections of the city. I have heard estimates that not to exceed one-fourth of the precincts are manned by crooked officials.

IN SPITE OF ALL THIS, and it should be well known to most adults, here is the record of voting in the primary elections. Political writers call it apathy. The record is sordid in spite of newspaper appeals for a big vote and efforts of civic organizations to bring the voters generally to the polls.

These figures were compiled by the Indiana State "Let's Talk Politics." Two years ago there were 1,967,858 voters registered in the state. In the primary May 2, 1944, only 466,382 voted for candidates for congressional nominations. That was slightly more than 23 per cent of the registered vote. That is bad.

BUT THIS WORSE. In the fall election in 1944 at a time when the nation was in a fateful period of the war, only 42 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls in Indiana. The stay-at-homes, if they voted, could have changed the results.

Surely the veteran, who fought to defend the democratic way of life—a system of government that can exist only by active participation of the citizens—need no further arguments about the necessity of voting in the primary and keeping alert politically.

About Washington

Through the eyes of
SENATOR WALDORF GROUSE

The Congressional squabble over the loan to Great Britain capably demonstrates both our political-economic backwardness and our moral uncertainty, to put it generously.

IN ONE PHASE of economics, production, we remain easily the greatest nation on earth. In the other vital phase, distribution, we remain in the position of a fifth year high school student who has yet to become a sophomore.

Our standard of living is comparatively so high that foreign visitors cannot help but gasp their amazement; and yet, when they realize our productive powers, they are once more stunned. This time by the millions of our citizens who live in poverty and insecurity.

To move toward a solution of the problem of distribution in a system of free enterprise, we must do two things: 1) Pay optimum wages to labor to insure a good national market for the goods we produce and to raise the mass base of our standard of living; 2) Facilitate the international exchange of goods by removing trade barriers and by extending credits to nations.

THESE CREDITS are bound to be used in two ways beneficial to ourselves: 1) To buy raw materials and heavy machinery to establish or reestablish the borrowers' industry, and 2) To then exchange goods she can produce more efficiently for goods we can produce more efficiently, thereby increasing our standard of living as well as her own.

Just as we have been painfully slow in understanding distributional economics, we have set a snail's pace in our political relationships with the rest of the world.

THIS IS A DYNAMIC world. Merely because we attained political leadership in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, we cannot rest on our laurels and live in past glory and expect other nations to look upon us with reverence or even respect in the twentieth century.

I am surely safe in assuming that few nations are impressed by Hooverian missions to nations on the fringe of Communism, offering food in exchange for a democratic form of government. The eyes of the world are too wise and experienced for that kind of game.

Granting credits to needy and deserving nations is something else again, for that is part of a policy of enlightened self-interest, an attitude which tends to gain respect in international circles.

THE BORROWER gains sorely needed resources for building and strengthening the nation without any shallowly concealed strings attached, while we gain the economic benefits set forth above as well as increased political stature as a result of a far-seeing policy.

This would mean granting credits not only to France and China and other nations which might be said to be on the fringe of communism, but to Great Britain and Russia, whose attitudes toward that political philosophy are well established.

This is a pragmatic world, as well as a dynamic one, and thus the political and economic relevancies have been given first place in this discussion. However, this should not preclude mention of the moral point involved.

WE STILL PRIDE ourselves upon being a religious people. Churches are crowded on Sunday, and even though we sometimes act in such a fashion to make pagans shudder on the other six days and even Sunday afternoon, we resent any slur upon our piety.

Then what could be more clear than our moral obligation to nations which probably saved our freedom and certainly saved the lives of at least a million of our men? Does not gratitude and our obligation extend only to honeyed phrases of appreciation?

Does our conscience allow us to permit our wartime allies to exist in poverty now that they are no longer bearing arms to our advantage? Come now, Senators and citizens of America; we all know better than that.

PERSONALLY, I'll give you some inside dope. Grouse is chalking up one vote in favor of the loan to Great Britain.

According To Figures

PEOPLE FAVOR RATIONING AS GOOD SOLUTION

(Editorial, Page Four)

GALLUP POLL figures last week showed that the American people were ready to act to solve the acute food shortage throughout the world. Five out of every eight people questioned stated that they favored a food rationing program in order to send food to people of other nations.

THE REPLIES:

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Overall figures:	59%	36%	6%
Men	53	41	6
Women	64	31	5
21-29 years	56	38	6
30-49 years	60	35	5
50 and over	57	37	6
Democrats	65	31	4
Republicans	55	39	6

South Bend

Voluntary Food Cut Asked of All AVC in Crisis

Voluntary observance of a "fast day" was suggested at a special officers meeting called by the Chairman of the South Bend Chapter, Joseph A. Baldoni.

"We ask each member to cut their calories to 1,300 on one day each week," Mr. Baldoni stated.

B. J. GARMIRE, Treasurer of the Chapter said:

"Unless we can give the starving people of the liberated areas

something more than lip service to help them, democracy will receive a fatal setback. We have liberated the starving minds of these people—we must complete the job and relieve their starving bodies.

New Publication Pledges Fight for Democratic Ideals

A new publication has joined the ranks in Indiana to fight discrimination of minority groups. Entitled "The Counsellor," the publication is edited in Ft. Wayne under the joint sponsorship of AFL and CIO, by two veterans, Alton Levy and Paul Jacobs.

In its first edition on April 11, *The Counsellor* pledged itself to fight for a "permanent, effective FEPC." In a lengthy, full page editorial the editors proceeded to set out additional aims which included a campaign for complete religious and racial harmony, against extension of the draft, and against giving atomic control to "army brass hats."

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IT'S front page news when a Soviet official visits the men's room. When N. I. Feonov, Russian delegate to the Atlantic City UNRRA meeting left the room during a recent session, the nation's alert newspapermen immediately put the story on the wires with long-involved political interpretations.

WHEN he returned a few minutes later, Mr. Feonov was surprised at the furor his brief interlude had caused at the press table. "I did have to leave the room at one point during the session today, but that was for a purely personal reason and was not meant to have any significance. Any delegate may at some point have to leave the room," he said.

Despite his explanation, Hearst's INS carried one-half column story on his "walk."

The NY Times used it in the third paragraph of a long, p 1 story, carried it in its headline.

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BELIEFS—See "Statement of Intentions" in another part of paper.

ACTION—"AVC did best job in Washington in fighting for housing for the veteran."—Drew Pearson, Washington Merry-Go-Round Columnist.

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Vet Re-employment Problem Mounts In Indiana as More Disputes Arise

The number of veterans in Indiana fighting for re-employment is rising daily. This harsh fact was given to a VET VOICE reporter by Maj. Body, Selective Service official for Indiana in an interview this week. "It is absolutely true that more and more veterans are finding it tough to get their old job back," said Maj. Body. Pointing to a pile of correspondence on his desk, Maj. Body said, "That stack gets higher every day and I get only the tough nuts which can not be cracked by local boards throughout the state."

At the present time there are 20 cases involving Indiana firms in the hands of U. S. District Attorneys who, if unable to settle out of court, will bring suit on behalf of the returning veteran while hundreds more are settled each month before they reach that stage.

Basis of the suit is Section 8 of the Selective Service Act enacted in 1940 which provides that the returning veteran is to get his old job back if it, or a similar one, still exists.

BUT, as Maj. Body's testimony will bear out, the veteran is not getting that old job in many cases and is having to fight for it. There are many reasons why this is true.

Principal causes, however, appears to be that reconversion has slowed to a walk because of Industry-Labor disputes, and the namby-pamby legislation in the Selective Service Act created by Congress. Section 8 provided that the veteran was to have his old job back—period. (If they applied within 90 days).

NO STRINGS were attached to seniority rights for that job. Right or wrong Congress passed the buck to others for interpretation, with the result that many veterans are returning to ask for a job they held for a short time before induction and are coming into competition with persons who had been employed before them.

But whatever the trouble, Maj. Body advises all veterans with "employer headaches" to get in touch with their local board of which there are 152 in Indiana.

If the problem cannot be solved at that level then it will be forwarded to Indiana Headquarters. "But take that local step first," warns Maj. Body. "That's the quickest way to get the trouble ironed out."

"Marty" Lerner, AVC Head, Urges Vote

To All AVC Members:

We of the AVC have taken on a major responsibility. We write our congressmen, we meet every issue squarely and state our position—we have dedicated ourselves to the principles of good citizenship.

We all know it is the basic responsibility of every citizen to exercise his franchise. In the final analysis we can only demonstrate our beliefs and

our concern at the polls.

Therefore the manifest duty of every citizen—and especially every AVC member—is to acquaint himself with the issues and the candidates for office, and to go to the polls on primary day and express his opinion.

Sincerely,
Martin L. Lerner
State Chairman, AVC

Candidate

Norman Reeg, Republican candidate for LaPorte county sheriff, became a member of AVC's LaPorte chapter recently. A sergeant in the Marine corps, Reeg spent three years and nine months in a Jap prison camp, following capture on Wake Island.

LaPorte

Hopping Mad Over Unethical Stand Against NSL Ins.

The LaPorte Chapter has tied into the national service life insurance situation with about as much vigor as they attacked the housing shortage in their community.

IRKED BY THE stand taken by life insurance salesmen in which the salesmen blasted NSLI as inferior the chapter members voted

Indiana Industry Asked to Aid in Disabled Vet Jobs

Indiana manufacturers journeyed to Michigan on April 17 to get information on the disabled vet re-employment problem.

APPROXIMATELY a dozen Hoosier industrialists attended a meeting sponsored by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, which was attended by representatives from Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio as well.

Held at the Percy Jones General Hospital, the clinic dealt with the rising problem of placing disabled veterans in industry. At the moment it is reported that only one out of every five disabled vet of War II have been able to find suitable employment.

Paging Rankin, Calling Bilbo

Herman Ross, candidate for Senator K. D. McKellar's opened his campaign at son, Tenn., with demands Negroes be returned to Africa.

Ross, a Jackson attorney, revealed a 10-year plan which called for resettlement of all mature Negroes, including white people who have intermarried with them, in Africa, near the Negro republic of Liberia.

Also advocated by Ross was repeal of the 15th amendment. He failed to mention any proposed change to shove Mississippi boundaries farther north.

to send a letter to the LaPorte County Life Underwriters Association stating their reasons for objecting on the grounds that such statements were unethical.

"The LaPorte Chapter of the AVC believes that the Underwriters Association should put their own house in order" read the letter. "We believe that if the Association exists to control the ethics of the business... they should enforce the ethics. We realize that your relations with the public, the maintenance of good faith in the eyes of the public, are important to the life insurance business. For these reasons we are calling your attention to this matter first."

THE CONFERENCE was described as "a call to action," and the abilities of wounded veterans were demonstrated in an appeal designed to make industry conscious of the problem—and that such men are not necessarily seriously handicapped.

Women Expensive

The company doctor for the West Virginia Coal & Coke Co. charges a miner \$25 for delivering a baby boy and \$30 for a baby girl, Washington officials were told last week by Paul K. Reed, United Mine Workers international representative.

He said the reason for the sex discrimination was that the baby girl was not a future miner.

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Production Up

Last week, the Federal Reserve board of governors came out with figures showing that production rose from a level of 153 percent of the 1935-39 era in February to 169 percent in March.

This was in retaliation to the claims of the National Association of Manufacturers. NAM, which is pleading for complete abolition of all controls, has been waging its fight principally on the point that OPA is hampering production.

Veterans Getting Building Priority By FHA Authority

Federal Housing Authority offices in Indiana are issuing priorities to veterans to build homes for their own occupancy and also are now approving requests to start construction on repairs and

maintenance of residential properties in excess of \$400 a job.

UNTIL ARRIVAL OF necessary forms in FHA field offices, approvals will be granted upon a statement of necessity by the applicant undertaking repair work.

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Indiana Moves For National Convention

Report from the nominating committee of the chapter, names of five delegates to the national convention at Des Moines, Iowa, June 1943, were revealed.

Those nominated were Chris Hibbler, chairman of the chapter; Harry Tucker, treasurer; Earl H. Haire, vice chairman; Joseph Kutch, state vice chairman; and George Catlin, Gary chapter member. Two alternates were nominated, but their names were not submitted for publication.

Indianapolis

Calling a special meeting on Thursday, April

25, Indianapolis Chapter No. 1, selected seven delegates and a similar number of alternates to attend the national convention.

Those definitely elected were Phil Irwin, Jr., chapter chairman; Meyer Brown, secretary; Charles Feibelman, Irvin Larner, Arthur Zinkin, Jr., state executive secretary; Irv Katz, and Sanford Ramsey, state secretary.

Three members have volunteered to drive to Des Moines with more expected in order that Indianapolis may be substantially represented at the convention. All members interested in attending should contact Chapter Headquarters,

Life Goes to Meet Insurance Outfit At Michigan City Is Placed on Job Training Program As Harrison Talks

To Michigan City members of AVC, installation of officers is quite a special thing. Not only did Gil Harrison, national AVC founder, make the principal address on April 25, but the entire affair was covered by a Life magazine photographer.

THIS BIT of top-notch publicity, which is expected to appear in an early edition of the magazine, occurred when Michigan City was selected as "the typical small town chapter" of AVC.

While Michigan City may be a small town chapter, its attendance certainly didn't reflect it. More than 100 persons were on hand for the colorful affair, and to hear the words of Gil Harrison. Harrison, who was the originator of AVC in 1943, spoke to the gathering and called for the veterans "to quit living by a blue print."

WITH THE primary nominations next Tuesday in mind, Harrison said, "We must stop this political stranglehold on the country so the veteran can have a chance to run his own life. We stood alone in the fight for housing and the passage of FEPC, and although we were temporarily beaten we now have a new lease on life. We are going to fight to the finish to aid our veterans in their fight to build a better America."

MEMBERS from throughout the state attended the function. Martin Larner, State Chairman, spoke briefly as did Arthur Zinkin, Jr., State Executive Secretary.

The first insurance company in Indianapolis to receive Veterans Administration approval of the new "on the job training" is the Companion Companies organization—Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association, and United Benefit Life Insurance company.

THEIR PROGRAM, which began April first, provides trainees with a full year Taylor Health and Accident Course in the insurance business, including the basic principles of claim adjusting, selling, contacts, analysis, etc.

The Taylor course is equivalent to college or university hours, and is approved in all universities. Under the plan, the trainee is assured a salary by the government, to which is added a rising scale salary by the company for which he works as he trains.

AT PRESENT, ten veterans are working successfully on this basis. In order to provide ample time in the field, the course is split into regular schooling hours during the week, totaling eight in all.

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SPORTS FRONT DISCRIMINATION DEVELOPMENTS

BASEBALL . . .

Jackie Robinson waded through the puddles in the Montreal shower room, shaking hands with well wishers who were congratulating him on becoming the first Negro to break into modern organized baseball on April 18.

The 26-year-old second baseman didn't act as though he had done anything unusual. As he said just before the game he just did his best and let it go at that.

His best was a three-run homer, three singles, two stolen bases, four runs batted in and a first day .800 batting average. Robinson was the key figure in the Royals' 14-1 slaughter of the Jersey City Giants.

BOWLING . . .

At Milwaukee, Wis., last week the American Bowling Congress withdrew its sanction of the CIO bowling tournament, with 2,500 participants, when the CIO informed it that Negroes would take part.

APPLICATION blanks had already been printed, with hundreds turned in, when the CIO committee was notified of the ABC action.

Dissatisfied with the ABC position, the CIO has lodged a formal protest with the national ABC.

No single white participant in the tournament has raised the slightest objection to bowling with Negroes, of whom there are about 30 out of the total number of contestants.

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:
Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war.

Establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.

Veterans Yearning For Farm Can Get G.I. Bill Help

Veterans who dreamed of the "back to the earth" movement with opportunities to establish themselves with training assistance under the G.I. Bill of Rights now may foster that ambition.

HOWEVER, the means of accomplishing the ambition has little resemblance to the apprentice and on-the-job program in other vocations.

Those who apply for agricultural training in Indiana may be entitled to government subsidy while pursuing their vocation and may avail themselves of supervised instruction and training.

There are, however, some limitations under the present plan which is considered by some leaders to be inadequate. The program is essentially school training. Actual farm training is included as laboratory work.

VETERANS who wish to apply are referred to the office of the principal of the nearest high school offering a course in vocational agriculture.

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AVC OFFICE NEEDS HELP—BAD!

A helping hand is still needed at State AVC Headquarters. As more chapters come into the fold, and national convention time draws close at hand, correspondence continues to mount. Frankly, our secretary is getting "wore to a frazzle" trying to keep up with it all.

IF ANY of you AVC members in Indianapolis or nearby, has a wife, girl friend — or typewriter — who would like to help out on a part time basis at home or in the office, have them get in touch with State AVC Headquarters, 305 Inland Bldg., RI. 4481.

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LaPorte

Here's Lesson How to Get Housing From Chapter Licking the Problem

Although they are not in the moving-in stage as yet, reports from LaPorte, Indiana, paint an encouraging picture of an alleviated housing situation for at least part of the homeless veteran population of that 20,000 person city.

A chapter-appointed committee of three AVC members headed by Harold Barnhart, and including Norman Reeg and Jack Evans, who believe that the wind-work of debate and resolutions don't put roofs over people's heads, have gone to work on the problem like a group of American Veterans ought to.

FIRST THEY went to the city's planning commission, pleaded their case before the mayor, investigated the needs and the availability of materials to fill the needs, and then held an open meeting for the citizens of LaPorte to attend. When everybody knew just what they had in mind, the committee set to work to put a foundation under their plans.

Foundations require property, so they got option on two pieces of acreage, one a two-acre tract on a county road three and a half

miles from town, for \$400. The other is a lot 80 by 100 feet fifteen miles from town on a lake. It can be had for \$230.

AFTER WEEKS of consideration, they decided to concentrate on pre-cut wood houses and concrete blocks. A local building contractor has gone throughout Indiana and neighboring states seeing about lumber availability and rounding up block makers.

They have secured promises from basement digging concerns, and they are looking for machines with which to make their own blocks, in case they can't buy them already made. Machines are scarce, though, and the prices are pretty high.

Gary

Gary Turns Down Loan to Britain To Disagree With National Opinion

The Gary chapter doesn't string along with the policy established by National Planning Committee of AVC regarding the loan to Britain. At the April 22nd meeting of the Gary Chapter, the question of the loan was discussed in a forum led by Joseph Kutch, who presented the case for the loan.

A VOTE ended in a 14 to 9 poll against the loan. They therefore go on record with the following statement, as quoted from their report of activities to the State headquarters:

"Resolution: Be it resolved that the Gary Chapter of the AVC is opposed to the proposed loan to Great Britain."

MEMBERS of the Gary chapter also voiced their desire to read the proposed constitution as published in the "Bulletin" and to send in any suggestions for changes or additions so that they may be forwarded to the national constitutional committee.

Indiana Has Part New Ohio Chapter Into AVC Fold

Indiana breathed life into a new Ohio chapter of AVC on March 28, when Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary for Indiana journeyed to Painesville, Ohio, to present that chapter its charter in special ceremonies. Representing national headquarters in New York, Mr. Zinkin spoke on the subject, "What Are You Going To Do With Your Charter?"

AVC Member Shows Need For World War II Organization



WIBC radio listeners in Indianapolis at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 23, heard Arthur Zinkin, Jr., (at microphone) Executive Secretary of AVC, provide statements in the affirmative on the subject, "Is There A Need For A World War II Organization?" Directly behind Zinkin and supporting him in the discussion was Bill Stout. Extreme left is Earl Knightlinger, and extreme right is Vayne M. Armstrong, members of The American Legion, who denied the need in supporting the War I organization.

"Citizens First, Veterans Second"

AVC Shows Need for a War II Outfit In Radio Round-Table Discussions

The basic concept of the American Veterans Committee, "Citizens First, Veterans Second" made a lot of sound listening at the weekly round table discussion presented Tuesday, April 23, over WIBC, Indianapolis, at 7:00 P.M. The principal topic under discussion on the half hour program was "Is There a Need for a World War II Veterans Organization?" but the by-word of AVC kept coming back as the fundamental reason for a War II outfit of veterans.

Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary of AVC, pointed this out in his opening statements on the program when he said "the veteran of this war more than in any other has a new concept of being a citizen before he is a veteran."

William Stout, department store executive and a War II vet

who belongs to no organization, supported this by pointing out that "the veteran of this war is not interested in social organizations. He, rather, feels a responsibility to participate in his community problems."

VAYNE M. ARMSTRONG former vice-commander of The American Legion and Earl Knightlinger denied the need for a War II outfit. Mr. Armstrong pointed out that the Legion had always

been concerned with the problems of the veteran primarily and not those of the community. He then pointed out how the National Economy Act of 1933 had been very detrimental to disabled veterans.

Mr. Zinkin countered by saying if veterans of past wars had been sufficiently interested in their government and its problems such measures might never have been necessary.

AS THE SHOW neared its close the Legion advocates emphasized the tremendous number of War II veterans who had been attracted into the Legion.

Mr. Zinkin, however, had the final say as he got just under the wire with the statement that the Legion "gave only belated support to the Patman Bill and has not indicated any support for OPA. AVC has come out strongly for both since we believe that they are necessary in helping the veteran readjust to the civilian life."

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ON THE CIRCLE

First Anniversary To Be Observed By South Bend AVC

South Bend AVC is laying plans to hold its first Annual Banquet on Thursday, May 13rd at the Oliver Hotel. It was one year ago, May 18th, 1945, that a group of veterans were called together by, the then Lieut., Bill Burke to apply for a Charter. Since that time the South Bend Chapter has grown to a membership of eighty-four.

South Bend was the first chapter in Indian to receive a charter and much of the future groundwork was laid through the efforts of Bill Burke.

Oliver Switzer was appointed Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

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AVC In Tough Fight For OPA In Face Of High-Pressure From Nat'l Lobby Groups

Despite the fact that polls show that 75 per cent of the American people want OPA to continue, the American Veterans Committee is having a tough fight in trying to preserve it in the face of recent House action. AVC, the lone veterans organization carrying on the battle, has come face to face with a tremendous road block—a huge dollar sign. Back of the marker is the National Association of Manufacturers, who, it has been reported, has spent an estimated \$1,000,000 for newspaper advertising in the last month to defeat OPA.

Vet Unemployment Continues to Rise Throughout State

Noble R. Shaw, director of the Indiana Employment Security Division, reported last week that new claims from unemployed veterans for the readjustment allowances provided by the G.I. Bill of Rights, averaged 3,270 a week in the first two weeks in May. This was a slight rise over the April weekly average of 2,800 applications.

SHAW ADDED that from the Division totaling veterans' unemployment benefits. The first two weeks that

SPEAKING before Congress, NAM officials have come out for abolition of all price control. (Ed. note. VET VOICE incorrectly stated in a recent issue that NAM was spending \$20,000,000. Sources we were quoting were also including upkeep in Washington of huge lobbies by NAM, but even so, the final figure will probably be well under that.)

But whatever the actual figure, IN FACT, a weekly newsletter, states that NAM stepped up their advertising when they saw public opinion was going to be harder to shape than they had anticipated. "The original figure was to be \$200,000," says IN FACT, "but was later hiked to \$950,000."

THE PAPER states that the change in plans was necessary when NAM received protests from the Mississippi Press Association that "we print cartoons and other material you send out because we

believe they represent what is best for American enterprise. But when you spend money you ignore those who have voluntarily supported your policies."

American Press Association also presents this letter and others to show the pressure brought by country weeklies to participate in the money advertising handout by NAM. "As a result," says APA,

More Evidence

This is the second consecutive issue that VET VOICE has reported evidence showing the work of well-heeled lobbies. Last issue we printed a "confidential" letter by Floyd G. Dana, president of the Chicago Realty Board, to realtors, which was considered ample evidence that he was considering them before the veteran and all other citizenry in the recent housing legislation battle.

"NAM started with 150 weeklies in the campaign, but added 1950 more. Each of the 2,100 papers received four full page ads from NAM." In addition to this big step up IN FACT states that NAM boasted in a recent report that their press service had "a potential readership of 69,000,000 persons."

They are also reported to be supplying material to 821 of the 900 radio stations in the U. S.

AVC Raps Truman 'Draft-Labor' Idea As Prejudicial

The American Veterans Committee blasted President Truman's draft-labor bill May 28, after taking part in the fight against passage of the Case bill.

THE AVC STATEMENT SAID: "The President and commander-in-chief has misused the Army of the U. S. by proposing that it function to impose involuntary servitude upon the working men and women of the U.S."

"The draft was accepted by the American people as the expression of a free people to fight tyranny and not as an instrument for the oppression of labor at home."

"Hasty and ill-tempered legislation as recommended by the President, if enacted by the Congress, will not achieve the purpose for which it was designed and can only result in unrest and violence."

SAVE OPA!

AVC ACTION IN
PETITIONS SIGNED NATION BY THOUSANDS
WRITE CONGRESS AROUSE PUBLIC

In response to the urgent pleas of national planning committee members and governmental officials, AVC members throughout the country either co-sponsored or participated in OPA rallies during the past few weeks. There were many ingenious ideas for bringing the issue to the attention of the people. As might be expected, the West Coast proved to be the most imaginative and fanciful. Here is a coast-to-coast swing showing AVC activity on

SAN FRANCISCO—Shouting "deeper crises. . . write today for OPA" and children tied up downtown for two hours. AVC members were joined by L. and CIO members in the parade rally at Civic Center. There, Attorney Kenney, candidate for governor of California, told the crowd, "We must tell our congressmen and politicians that if they are not in favor of OPA, then they are against you and me."

HOLLYWOOD—With less than two days notice from the NPC the Hollywood chapter conceived the bright idea of hanging in effigy the six California congressmen who were known to be against OPA. The stunt attracted considerable attention with the newspapers taking pictures and giving it a spread. Their quick action is an example of what can be done.

DENVER—AVC members set up booths in the town district to collect signatures to petitions urging continuation of OPA. In addition, the members of fifteen minutes on the air to state their case.

SAN ANTONIO—The real estate men, backed by the local papers, staged an anti-OPA day in San Antonio. Striking quickly in retaliation, AVC organized a "Save the OPA" day in the same week. They put out 60 booths throughout the city and held a mass rally in the same auditorium that the anti forces had used.

NEW ORLEANS—A mile of signatures to a petition for keeping OPA in force was obtained. The booths set up for collecting the signatures stayed up for two days with a net of 15,000 signatures. Interest ran so high that at times there was a line of people waiting to put their names to the petition.

CHICAGO—A long motorcade wound through the Loop with banners calling for the continuation of OPA on the sides of the cars. AVC members led the procession which was given a heavy play in the local press.

GARY—This Indiana chapter manned a booth on the corner of Seventh and Broadway for three hours and collected 800 signatures. If rain had not interfered with the plans, the AVC members in Gary say they would come close to 5,000 signatures.

NEWARK—It was apple day in Newark. Signs tising apples for sale at \$6.43 apiece, the price if O removed, punched home the point to the Newark. These booths were stationed on Newark's busiest in tions.

OPERA NEED FALL ALMOST 15%

Regarding the continuance of OPA, the Senate Banking and Currency Committee were given figures which showed graphically that wages are going down while consumer prices are going up.

THE REPORT said earning, after taxes, increased in wartime manufacturing industries from \$26.37 to \$34.23 or 29.8 per cent for a worker with three dependents. Wages for single workers rose 17.4 per cent.

During the 10-month reconversion period, downgrading and overtime losses have brought wages down 13.8 per cent since the war.

ALL FIGURES were from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bloomington Vets For OPA

Editor,
Veterans Voice
310 Liberty Building
Indianapolis, Indiana
DEAR SIR:

Indiana University
Bloomington Chapter
American Veterans Committee

When we at the campus received the request from National AVC Headquarters to get behind OPA we jumped in feet first. We first secured cooperation from the PTA, Union Council, and other organizations.

Signs were made and booths were erected in downtown Bloomington on Saturday, May 18. In less than 8 hours time, 5,000 signatures were secured supporting OPA, and Representative Gerald Jandis, of the 7th District was informed of that fact.

AS A CLIMAX to the Saturday petitioning, an OPA rally was held in the City Hall which was attended by over 100 persons. Principal speaker was the Indiana Director of OPA, in addition to Chapter Chairman Robert Quimby and member Quentin F. Burgess who also spoke.

We considered the affair highly successful, and was a big boost for AVC in this community.

OUR EDITORIALS

Labor:

"What Kind of Labor Legislation?"

In the past few weeks the clamor for some kind of legislation to restrict the right of labor to strike has reached a new crescendo. Given impetus by the miner strike and the walkout of the railway brotherhoods, the Senate has the House version of the Case bill added teeth. To old-time friends of labor the wailing of a reactionary Congress about "labor responsibility" is an old and nasty song . . . and they quickly rise to discredit the motives behind these recent moves.

They reason that labor's rights were too hard come by to relinquish without a struggle and that it is only the labor haters who are wicked enough to want to punish the whole of labor for the sins of John L. Lewis, and the Messrs. Whitney and Johnson.

They reason well, but they overlook one thing. For the first time, the men in Congress who have long wanted to stab labor are now backed by the resentment of millions of Americans directed toward the above-named gentlemen. Congress now claims it has a mandate from the people "to put labor in its place" and well they might.

This being the case, the real friends of labor must now adopt a different attitude consistent with real politik. We are going to have labor legislation. Therefore we who feel that what is good for labor is good for America must anticipate the demands of the people and come forth with a proposal to restrict labor's right to sin against the state and emasculate its ac-

This is no easy task nor will it be accomplished at one try, but it is better that we direct our thoughts along these lines rather than to allow the National Association of Manufacturers to write their kind of bill.

Let us take stock of the present situation, admit the mistakes of labor, and defend bravely its right to organize and to bargain collectively.

For example, let us publicly admit the stupidity of jurisdictional strikes where one union vies with another for the right to represent the workers and in the meantime holds up production.

Let us go further and admit that there should be compulsory arbitration . . . binding on both labor and management . . . in disputes involving public utilities and transportation. Let us back Congress in doing these things, and then put one great big "but" after them. . . . Let us say to the Congress, "You may place these restrictions on labor with the provision that such restrictions shall go into effect only when legislation setting up a permanent fair employment practices commission shall have been passed.

This is a perfectly legal device for Congress to adopt for which there is historic precedent and it is, in effect, an order of Congress to itself to recognize a basic wrong that exists that is even more disastrous to our attitude on labor than are the high-handed methods of a couple of labor leaders.

Produce For Vet

Several weeks ago, VET VOICE ran an editorial in support of the Veterans Administration as it went about the difficult task of finding a place to live. The job was made tougher for this agency because of what our editorial termed, "selfish business interests," who inhabited the Century Building, the structure coming closest to filling the needs of State Headquarters of VA in Indianapolis.

These establishments had banded together and asked Representative Louis Ludlow to intercede for them. They were objecting because of an understandable motive. They didn't want to move—period.

Ludlow promised to speak for them, but he must have whispered quietly in a subdued monotone because the owner recently sold the building for an immediate occupancy.

Now, VA has been forced to spread its headquarters throughout Indianapolis in crowded, highly unsatisfactory surroundings.

This latest development, however, gives it another—and most important tool—with which to do the job for the half million Indiana servicemen. It will be possible to place all offices under one roof. As a result they should now have unity of effort.

When the new machinery gets in motion, innumerable excuses resulting from poor liaison cannot be tolerated. As the present backlog is slowly cleared away, these additional implements must result in quicker, more efficient service for the veteran as he files his application for education, training, or the countless other benefits to which he may be entitled.

If this does not happen, then we will be on solid ground to criticize and to ask for a change in leadership.

Any criticism by anyone before then, however, comes under the heading of an unjustified, premature, stupid slap well below the navel.

still very much in power and Bradley will never accomplish much until he gets them out. If anyone wanted to indulge in a spree of the truth, he could stand outside the Central Office building and tell every Negro that started to enter, 'Sorry, you're wasting your time,' and after they had been cleared away he could start on the Jews.

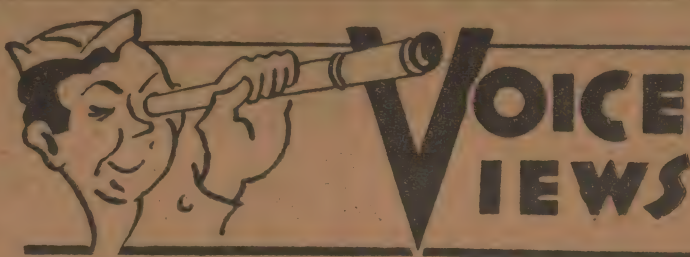
I'm passing this along to you because I think a good many of your readers might be interested in reading a little uncensored comment about an organization that plays a big part in their immediate future.

Very truly yours,
FRED E. COX

OUR PAPER

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By ARTHUR ZINKIN, JR.

For months the politically astute have had their eyes glued on June 13 and the Republican State Convention for some clue to the direction the party is going to take. When Carol Reece was appointed chairman of the National Committee there was much consternation among the supporters of Wendell Willkie and Harold Stassen because of Reece's conservative record.

BUT STASSEN HAS CONTINUED TO GAIN IN POPULARITY SINCE THAT TIME AND INDIANA WILL BE A CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF THE STRENGTH OF LIBERALISM IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Veterans in particular are interested. According to the 1944 election results, the majority of GIs favored Roosevelt. Recent polls show that Truman has not held on to that support. Will the Republicans make a bid for it?

AS THE PARTY IN POWER WITH PATRONAGE TO HAND OUT, THE HEADS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN INDIANA CAN DICTATE TO THE CONVENTION THE CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Governor Gates and his cohorts have already been accused of attempting to control the delegates to insure the nomination of William Jenner, until recently the state chairman of the party.

The Governor has issued public assurance that the delegates will be free to choose as their conscience dictates. Let's take a brief look at the men who have come out as candidates for the nomination and measure them against the yardstick of liberalism.

THE PRESENT INCUMBENT, RAYMOND WILLIS OF ANGOLA, "Old Rumble-Bumble" as "Life" magazine termed him, is an honest, thoroughly likeable, slow witted conservative. His voting record is in the tradition of Herbert Hoover and Alf Landon. I am sure he was embarrassed by the endorsement of General Smith last week, although at the time of writing he had no opportunity to disavow the support of a fascist. BY NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, HOWEVER, COULD MR. WILLIS BE CALLED LIBERAL.

THE MOST HIGHLY TOUTED CANDIDATE IS WILLIAM JENNER. Mr. Jenner has used that status to advantage. He has been free to inform the people of his views on a variety of issues the day. This is not consistent with the idea of keeping the people fully informed. If you are a candidate for public office, you are an avowed candidate, and you should be known to oppose OPA. OUTSIDE OF THIS, LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HIS THINKING.

His support of the machine which is presently implicated in a very nasty liquor situation. Mr. Jenner was state chairman when the deal to put county chairmen in charge of distributing liquor licenses was made.

It has been rumored that his family is engaged in the liquor business and that his campaign manager has profited handsomely from a distributorship handed to him by the party in Shelbyville.

THE THIRD AVOWED CANDIDATE IS CHARLES M. LA FOLLETTE, the present Representative in Congress from the Eighth Indiana District. The party's attitude toward LaFollette is very indicative. He is a strong vote getter. Having turned a 20,000 Democratic majority into a 10,000 Republican victory in his own district. If the party feared for a moment that they would have trouble in carrying the state, Mr. LaFollette would be the favored man, in spite of the fact that he has antagonized many of the party leaders by his outspoken criticism of reactionary tendencies. HIS VOTING RECORD IS AN EXAMPLE OF CONSISTENT LIBERALISM, SO CONSISTENT THAT HE HAS SELDOM VOTED WITH HIS OWN PARTY. This is the cardinal sin in party politics and with some justification.

LaFollette has entered the race to test the issue of whether the Republican party can capture the liberal vote set free and uncaptured by the death of Roosevelt. At present his chances for nomination are slim indeed. HE IS A LIBERAL WHO REFUSES TO STAND STILL FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF TAFT, WHERRY, ETC.

The liberal vote will go somewhere, because liberals are diligent about voting than those with less concern for issues. At present, it seems certain that the Republican party will lose. REJECT IT!

Letters to The Editor

Lowdown On VA

Dear Editor:

Recently I received a letter from an AVC buddy of mine who is now working for the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C. I believe you might be interested in his comments on VA, Gen. Bradley and the AVC.

"You were asking what I thought of General Bradley; well, of course, I really know as little of him as I did of General MacArthur this time last year, but from what I have heard from is gone but his henchmen are all

sources that I believe can be trusted and from what I actually see, I think he is all right and is trying to do a good job.

I gather this General Hines was as completely no good as one can become without being a Southern Democrat and a member of Congress at the same time, and Bradley has done much to change the way things were run when he was the Administrator; and I think the reorganization of V.A. is a sensible plan.

The big trouble is that Hines from what I have heard from is gone but his henchmen are all

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Milwaukee Passes FEPC Legislation

MILWAUKEE—(FP)—Determined pressure has forced the Milwaukee common council to pass a fair employment practices ordinance, making it the second city in the country to outlaw job discrimination. Chicago was the first.

The ordinance calls for a fine of \$10 or five days in jail for discrimination because of race, color or creed. It was passed only after some 200 Milwaukee citizens went to a meeting of the judiciary committee, in whose hands the bill was languishing, and forced an open hearing.

ORGANIZATIONS leading the FEPC fight included the CIO Council, Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation, 1st Methodist Church, Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

About Washington

BY HARRY GOTTLIEB, JR.
(Former Editor, Veteran's Voice)

I hereby lend one more small voice to the widespread approval of the speech delivered by Secretary of States James Byrnes two weeks ago, when he reported in detail to the nation about the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Paris.

Fortunately for this nation it is Byrnes who guides our foreign policy and not the reporters and editorial writers who, in commenting upon the speech, emphasized only the disagreements with Russia and our determination not to back down from our own stated position.

THE HEART OF THE speech, the part which this writer believes made it a great speech, was in the following paragraphs, buried deep in the text of the speech, and rarely mentioned in the dispatches and editorials:

"The situation which we will face in the coming months will be a test not only of others, but of ourselves. There are now and there will be in the future many occasions which might impel us to say as we did after the last war that, much as we would like to cooperate in the restoration of Europe, cooperation is impossible because of the sacrifice of our principles and that we must be content with our own hemisphere.

Do not forget that if we fail to cooperate in a peace which may again find that we will have to cooperate with the world. Whether we like it or not, we are in it.

If we would have been more comfortable had we had the matter there. Instead, he went on to say that it was up to the American people:

"If we cannot cooperate without sacrificing our principles, we must take the offensive for war.

Those of us who are of war, require sacrifice, principle. They require faith in ourselves and initiative, resourcefulness, and unrelenting determination to be certain that the aggregate sentiments of the world are in favor of peace.

This is not meant to be an apology for Russian foreign policy. To date the Russians, as well as the British and ourselves, have shown less than the greatest concern for lasting world peace, and we know that ALL of the Big Three must cooperate fully if the peace we desire is to be achieved.

BUT HOW are we best to bring forth this necessary cooperation from our allies? We cannot do it by waving an atomic bomb under our friends' noses, even though we may smile when doing so, nor can we do it by applauding Churchillian utterances designed, apparently, to divide the Big Three into blocs; neither can we do it by asking or demanding that other nations back down from certain extreme proposals when we offer nothing in return.

Byrnes has given us a good start toward formulating a real United States foreign policy based upon enlightened self-interest and firmness.

Now it is up to us, the citizens of the United States, and especially veterans of World War II, to support every effort toward international cooperation. We will be letting Mr. Byrnes down badly if we say, as much of the press seems to want us to say, "The next move is up to the Russians. Let's sit back and see what happens."

Remember that the American people had much to do with the failure to bring about lasting peace after World War I. Our representatives in Congress were complacently allowed to order our withdrawal from the international scene.

We still have the atom bomb to contend with. As long as we belligerently hold on to the "secret," the bomb can justifiably be regarded by any other nation as a threat to its security. (How secure for example, would we feel if Argentina was known to possess large quantities of rocket-propelled death rays?) We still have plenty of odds and ends in our own democracy to put in order before we can effectively ask the world to look to us as the example of practical virtue.

THE WORLD WOULD gain much if the other three participants at the Big Four meeting in Paris would make statements similar to the one made by Secretary Byrnes last Monday. People of all nations should be permitted to read and try to understand the point of view of other nations as well as our own (press services please note).

Remind this writer to spell the word "World" with a capital "W" henceforth; for the World is now a community of nations to which we owe our allegiance, just as much as we owe it to Terre Haute or Indiana or the United States.

Intolerance Poops

Denver University Textbooks Preaches Race Superiority

DENVER—(FP)—A zoology textbook steeped in the racial superiority doctrines of Adolf Hitler is being used in classes at the University of Denver. Written by Prof. L. L. Burlingame of Stanford University in 1940, the book, Heredity and Social Problems, makes such scholarly generalizations as:

"The average intelligence of the Negro race appears to be distinctly inferior to that of the white . . . in proportion to their number, Negroes contribute far too few persons of high ability and far too many who are below normal or deficient in ability. Mexicans present the second most serious race problem.

They are apparently of distinctly low mental caliber, have not yet produced eminence and

do not contribute heavily to various dependent classes. They work cheaply, aggravate labor troubles and impose heavy tax burdens."

THE WRITER proposes sterilizing Negroes and finds a reduction of 50% in the birth rate of the lower social strata desirable. War is looked on indulgently by Burlingame, who considers it a convenient solution for population excesses among the "socially incompetent."

Protest against use of the textbook brought the reply from Dr. Humphrey G. Owen, head of the zoology department, that only the first half of the book was used.

Owen admitted that no attempt was made to warn students of the dangerous race superiority conclusions of the book and said he saw no way to prevent students from continuing their independent study of the latter half.

School Servicemen Return State Loan In Short Order

Veterans are a good credit risk, says William C. Stalnaker, director of the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs.

FOURTEEN MORE ex-servicemen on the campus at Indiana University today repaid a total of \$1,175 to the State of Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs, which had originally advanced them the money through the State's emergency veterans' educational assistance project.

The project was set up a month ago to assist Hoosier GI's in Hoosier colleges when their federal educational subsistence checks were tardy in arriving. More than 18 Indiana Institutions of higher learning have joined the program, and several hundred former GI's on Hoosier campuses have been aided over their personal financial distress.

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**Indianapolis Chapter Goes Social
 With Picnic to Open Summer Session**

The first large social undertaking by the American Veterans Committee in Indianapolis will occur Sunday, June 9, when Indianapolis Chapter No. 1 holds a picnic at Riverside Picnic Park, located at 30th Street and White River Bridge.

Every AVC member throughout Indiana is invited to attend, and all present G.I.s and veterans are also invited as the Indianapolis Chapter goes about the business of making its first social venture a gigantic one.

FESTIVITIES are slated to get under way at 11 a. m. with a highlight being a softball game between married and single men. Persons attending are requested to bring their own food, but ice will be available at the picnic for beer and cokes that persons attending might bring.

Incidentally, prizes of beer—a precious commodity these days—are being offered to persons attending. Phil Irwin, Jr., Chapter chairman, has announced that a case of beer will be awarded to the AVCer bringing the most new members. One half a case will be given to the member bringing the most G.I.s, while another half case will go to the person holding a lucky ticket given for free to all persons in attendance.

IRWIN URGES ALL members to bring their families in addition to prospective members and G.I.s in order to make the picnic a tremendous success. Remember the time once again—11:00 a. m., next Sunday, June 9, Riverside Park, Indianapolis.

**Gary Asks Boot to
 Franco in Request
 For U. S. Action**

AT A REGULAR MEETING on May 1, members of the Gary chapter voted to send the following resolution to National Headquarters on the Franco-U. N. question:

"... that the United States government and the State Department instruct the American delegate to the United Nations Security Council to give full support to all measures of economic sanctions, breaking of diplomatic relations, and quarantine of Franco. And that the State Department and the American delegate to U. N. support the Spanish Republican government-in-exile, and that no effort be made to hush the issue by pigeonholing it in a fact finding committee, and that whatever steps are taken by the U. N. the United States break diplomatic and economic relations with Franco Spain in order to secure the peace of our country."

Call Them Brother

The American Veterans Committee acquired a ready-made chapter of two hundred when all the ex-GIs in the cast of "Call Me Mister" joined in a body at a ceremony held on the stage of the theatre in New York.

"Call Me Mister" is a lively musical currently wowing them on Broadway which is wound around the theme of the discharged soldier. AVC member, Producer Melvyn Douglas has a real hit on his hands and AVC has a new chapter which promises to be in existence a long, long, time.

Anyone want to tackle the cast of "Star and Garter"?

**AVC Leads "Win Peace"
 Member Becomes Nat'l Gr**

The American Veterans Committee leads veterans group doing something to world.

COL. EVANS CARLSON, AVC member, was appointed head a committee on activities conference held in Washington.

Present at the conference in addition to The American Veterans Committee were, among others, The Nat'l Farmers Union,

Go Against Spain

One of the first moves of the Win The Peace organization was to frame a letter requesting a break with Spain. This was given to U. S. Delegate Edward R. Stettinius at the United Nations Security Council, by Paul Robeson, co-chairman of the conference last week.

The letter in part said, "In the name of common decency and in loyalty to the practical democratic idealism in which we as a nation profess to believe, we urge that you act now to deny all aid and comfort to fascist Spain."

Federation of American Scientists who figured prominently in development of the atomic bomb, Nat'l Negro Congress, Nat'l Law-

**First Anniversary
 Of South Bend
 AVC Great Success**

The South Bend Chapter celebrated its First Annual Banquet on Thursday, May 23, at the Oliver Hotel. The mayor of South Bend was represented by Police Chief Everett, since Dempsey is in Switzerland. Representatives from Mishawaka and Notre Dame University were also present.

Indiana state officer of AVC was represented in the person of State Chairman Martin Lerner who made the opening address. He was followed by F. C. Hubbard who introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Richard Meyers, chairman of Chicago Chapter No. 1.

DICK launched into the purposes of AVC. South Bend has had the privilege of hearing several persons speak about AVC, but South Bend members considered Meyer's address to be the top performance to date.

Business firms of the city were contacted and invited to send a representative, and while the response was not overwhelming, it was heartening.

Present at the conference in addition to The American Veterans Committee were, among others, The Nat'l Farmers Union, members of the committee was attended by 700 delegates from the above group.

The conference declaration of principles passed by the delegates from 27 states calls for: unity of the big three; friendship among all the United Nations; destruction of all vestiges of fascism abroad; self-government without outside interference for all colonial peoples and the new European democracies; custody of atomic energy, including bombs, by the UNO security council; withdrawal of American troops from all friendly lands; and extension of full democracy to all Americans.

Col. Carlson's job begins immediately as his committee will be responsible for active promotion of those interests.

**South Bend Head
 On Radio Show**

Joseph Baldoni, Chairman of the South Bend Chapter, talked about the aims and purposes of AVC over WSBT Tuesday night, May 21st. This talk was the longest time the South Bend Chapter has had an opportunity to present its case to a listening audience since the program "Destination Home" went off the air in June, 1945.

Mr. Paul Gilbert of the Gilbert Clothing Company sponsored the program on which Joe talked.

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STATE G.I. BILL ASKED

Charles Bolte, National AVC Head, Pays Quick Visit to State Meeting

*Impresses Gathering
With Directness In
Question Session*

State Headquarters of AVC played host to the top man of the American Veterans Committee, Sunday, May 12, when Charles G. Bolte paid a hurried call to Indiana.

Mr. Bolte, national chairman of AVC, stopped in Indianapolis on his way to Chicago, and spent Sunday afternoon answering the barrage of questions tossed in his direction at an executive committee session.

Mr. Bolte, a six-footer who lost a leg while serving in Africa with British forces in the early days of the war, handled each question that was fired at him in a capable manner, and was quite outspoken in his replies.

Prior to the question session, Bolte, who is well known nationally for his best seller, "The New



CHARLES G. BOLTE

Veteran," as well as his weekly column in the New York Herald Tribune, made an informal talk regarding the progress in Indiana.

He said, "We're mighty proud in New York of the activity in Indiana. Whenever other states contemplate formation of a state-wide organization we point to Indiana—the first state to form—as the model."

While in Indianapolis Bolte stayed with his cousin, Charles G. Bolte, at Noblesville.

members when necessary, or desired.

"It is well that we are able to locate in such a fortunate spot," Martin Larnier, State Chairman, said in discussing the move. "Especially with the anticipated expansion due immediately following the national convention next month."

Mr. Larnier also urges that every chapter change their mailing address for headquarters, using the above address, with the correct postal zone number, which is Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

Vet Voice Requests Member Action on G.I. Bill To Replace Bonus Proposal From State Funds

(It's On Page Three)

VETERANS VOICE has a plan designed to bring the basic concept of AVC, "Citizens First, Veterans Second" close to home.

While other veterans organizations are plumping for a state bonus to relieve Indiana of its record surplus, VET VOICE this week presents a proposed state G. I. Bill for approval by Hoosier members of The American Veterans Committee.

If approved, it is the intention of the VOICE to push for enactment of such a bill

at the next session of the State Legislature. This bill, quite similar to the national G.I. Bill, is really an extension of the rights provided for in that set of provisions. It is intended to give added aid where the national legislation has shown that it is needed.

FOR EXAMPLE, one of the principal planks calls for 15% more financial aid to veterans in colleges. This has been one of

Personal Touch

Plymouth Chapter Presents Charter Request to Bolte

THE NEW PLYMOUTH, Indiana, chapter was given an auspicious start. George Winder, temporary chairman, and founder of the chapter, submitted the charter application in the presence of the entire group assembled for the executive committee meeting in World War Memorial building, into the hands of our national chairman, Charles G. Bolte.

With the formation of this chapter, member organizations of the Indiana State Council now number twelve. This provides AVC with a strong force in northern Indiana—the southernmost chapter being located in Bloomington, slightly below the center of the state.

RECOGNITION for the organization of the Plymouth AVC Chapter goes to George Winder, originally a member-at-large, who laid the groundwork singlehanded, and signed up a group of eleven charter members.

Poll Needed

Statewide feeling about a State G.I. Bill is not known since the populace has not been sounded out on such a plan. However, a recent survey nationally by the Gallup Poll indicates that 52% of the people would back a tax-supported state bonus. VET Voice this week wrote Mr. Gallup suggesting a survey to determine the popularity of a State G.I. Bill.

We May Get Some Housing as House Is Forced to Give O.K. on Subsidy

The Patman Bill, the legislation needed to begin construction on 2,700,000 houses in two years, finally is about to go into action. This follows a two-month old battle which terminated when the House passed a compromise measure this week.

With the successful passage of the bill in final form, Wilson Wyatt, national housing expeditor, declared, "this throws the veterans housing program into high gear."

VETERANS throughout the nation certainly hope so. For two months they have watched a political dogfight as Republicans and Southern Democrats lined up solidly in the House to knock out the subsidy and "last sale" ceiling proposals, as they yielded to top heavy lobby interests of realtors and industry. Two weeks later, the Senate toned down the House action by reinstating the \$600,000,000 subsidy which is designed to make a \$6,000 home possible.

A COMPROMISE FIGURE of \$400,000,000 was reached and after last ditch fight the bill was passed

Indiana Voted

Indiana can accept little credit for passage of the Patman Housing Bill. Indiana representatives voted the same both times the bill was presented to them. Those on record for were: Democrat Ludlow, and Republican LaFollette.

Those against were: Hal-leck, Springer, Wilson, Gillie, Johnson, Grant and Harness.

Madden, Democrat, and Landis, Republican were not recorded.

the main bugaboos for financially harrassed students. Added help in another section for the state to pay for laboratory fees, tuition, and book fees where the present national sum is not large enough to cover the entire amount.

With an eye toward the unemployed veteran, the proposed state bill would supplement the present readjustment pay by an added 15%. The present total is \$20.00 per week. This has been shown to not be sufficient for the veteran who cannot find a job on the present "tight" market, and who finds it impossible to make his readjustment dollars stretch far enough in this inflationary period.

ADDED HELP is also provided in the bill for the disabled veteran to the tune of "not less than \$2,500,000 and not more than \$5,000,000." These are a few of

(Continued on Page 3)

State Hqs. Moves To New Location For Expansion

The Indiana State Council Headquarters has moved into permanent offices at 107 S. Capitol, Room 310, Indianapolis. The new suite offers ample space for the offices of the executive secretary, and the Veteran's Voice editorial office as well, with room left over for medium sized meetings of AVC

Which Theatre?

Bank Travel Puts Zing in Necking

There were about a hundred seventy-five pairs of burning ears at the William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, May 1, when that school's newspaper printed the results of a poll taken one the question, "are veterans better lovers?"

Results showed that 66 coeds said men were better lovers now than before the war; 31 thought not, and 23 are undecided. Twenty-six of the coeds voted that overseas experience had added refinement to the veterans' technique of love-making, while 71 thought it had added power.

Just what that means was not clarified.

HAMMOND AVC POLL SHOWS 10-1 RATIO FOR OPA

DO THE people of the U. S. want retention of OPA? The American Veterans Committee chapter at Hammond, Indiana has definite proof that they do. At a downtown booth in Hammond chapter members gave passers-by the opportunity to express their opinion last week.

THE RESULTS: 1325 PERSONS FAVOR OPA

LESS THAN 10% WANT TO TOSS IT OUT.

The results were obtained in response to the national AVC plea for a demonstration for OPA

throughout the nation following the drastic house action of two weeks before.

IN ADDITION to the downtown booth, the entire town was circularized with mimeographed sheets showing in graph form a comparison between World War I and War II price levels. The entire community was invited to join the crusade to curb inflation arising from uncontrolled spending.

Local papers gave coverage in pictures and stories, The Chicago Sun carried a story, and all city and county officials gave their full cooperation.

Terminal Leave
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Convention News
Chapter Activities

Churches Line Up With AVC To Support Health Bill

The American Veterans Committee received additional support in its campaign for passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell National Health Bill this week.

Two major church groups gave their support to this bill in testimony before the Senate Labor Committee. They are the Methodist Federation for Social Service and the Legislative Committee, Council for Social Action, Congregational-Christian Churches.

Opposition

The Northwest Indiana Dental society last week adopted a resolution opposing passage of this bill. This followed similar action taken by the St. Joseph County medical society on March 13 at a regular meeting.

The Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill provides for Federal aid to the States for community-wide public health services in every country, quality medical care for the needy, and funds for expanded medical education and research.

JUST AS THE RIGHT to an education is considered "A basic right" so should "the right to be born decently and to have adequate medical and hospital care ever available," the Rev. Jack R. McMichael, executive secretary of the Methodist group told the committee.

The Rev. Francis W. McPeck, representing the Congregational-Christian Committee, declared that "Christian social obligation," requires that we see to the health of our neighbor.

"Whiskers" Shaw For Health Bill

George Bernard Shaw believes that the system of private practice in medicine gives doctors a "vested interest in disease."

The Irish playwright made that statement recently in a letter to the London Times on the subject of nationalized medicine. His note said:

"The monstrosity which is the present system of private practice in medicine gives doctors a vested interest in disease which they are defending desperately."

"We, the victims, support them because we wish to have doctors of our own friendly choice, not strangers planted on us by the state."

"The solution is simple."

"In Sweden, the most civilized country in western Europe, the private doctor is paid an agreed fee for keeping the family well throughout the year. He gains nothing but has less work when all is well."

"Why not make it obligatory to abolish payment by the job?"

Convention Delegate Figure Upped As Manager Comes to Us With News

"And Get Those Reservations In,"
Warns Yarmolinsky

A new high in delegates is expected at the National Convention of AVC to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 14-17. This has been made possible through the announcement that the delegates can now be allotted on the basis of membership as of May 1. The date originally set was April 1.

This announcement was made by Adam Yarmolinsky, Convention Manager, in a trip to State Headquarters in Indianapolis Thursday, May 9. He told a VET VOICE reporter that each chapter would soon receive a complete list of its members, according to National records as of May 1.

They would then be able to appoint additional delegates on the basis of any increase in membership over the 30-day period. Delegates are awarded on the basis of one per each 15 members in the chapter.

With convention time drawing near, Mr. Yarmolinsky made the trip to State Headquarters in a swing through the middle west to contact AVC delegates.

INDIANAPOLIS, he spoke to a gathering of Chapter No. 1 delegates and asked them to read convention rules carefully in order to understand convention procedure.

Regarding the convention, Mr. Yarmolinsky re-emphasized that hotel reservations must be made contacting James Richards, Royal Hotel, 1000 N. Capitol Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind. Reservations should be made as soon as possible.

MR. YARMOLINSKY estimated that this first convention of AVC, and the first for any veterans organization, would attract approximately 2,000 persons.

South Bend Man Speaks to Clergy On AVC Concepts

Stating that "today all men, whether we like it or not, are neighbors physically, and they should be so spiritually . . . by a creation of science—the airplane. Living together in a great common ocean of air," Franklin Hubbard, secretary of the South Bend AVC chapter, explained the aims and intentions of the American Veterans Committee to the St. Joseph County Ministerial Association of that city.

We must join in common friendship and understanding with the other people of the world. There must be active rather than passive cooperation," Hubbard said.

HE WENT ON: "The American Veterans Committee is pledged to fight for an America in which civil liberties, equality of opportunity, work at fair wages, and housing consistent with the American standard of living is made available to every man, woman and child in these United States: We want to secure these things for all people everywhere regardless of race, creed, color or political beliefs."

HE CLOSED with the immortal lines of Cowper: "But oars alone can ne'er prevail." to reach the distant coast, the breath of heaven must swell the sail or all the toil is lost."

AVC IN LEAVE PAY FIGHT FOR EMS AS BOLTE CONTACTS CONGRESS

The American Veterans Committee edged into the spotlight in the fight for terminal leave pay for enlisted men. In a letter to Congressmen, Charles G. Bolte, national chairman of AVC urged passage of the bill presently before Congress. He pointed out that "if terminal pay is to be granted to officers there is every reason to grant it to enlisted personnel as well."

THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION would allow enlisted men of all services to receive pay, at time of discharge, for all furlough time to which they were entitled but did not receive.

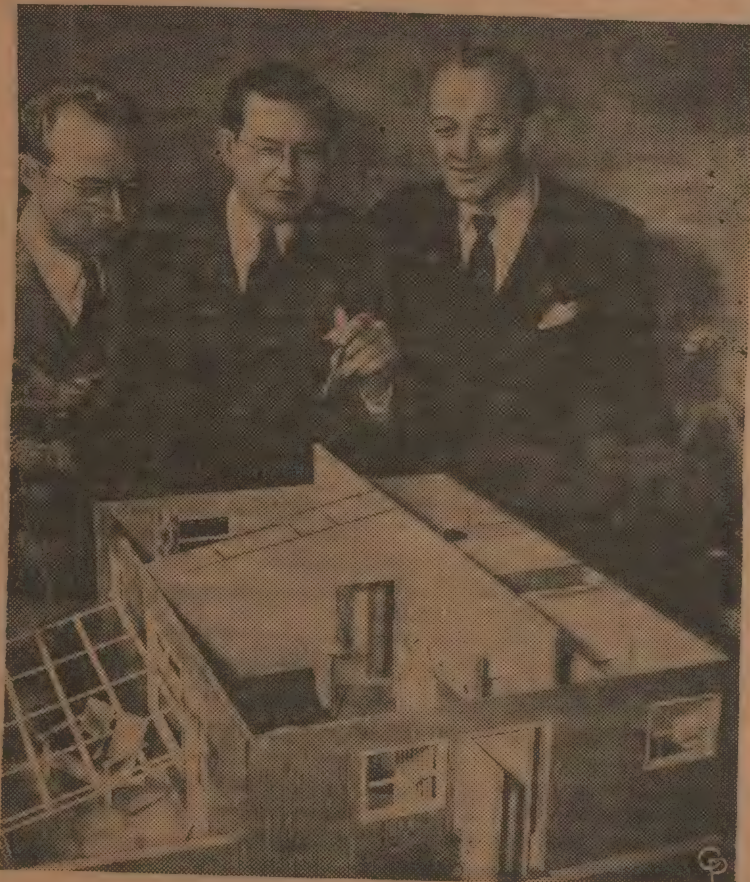
The pay would be at the rate

of compensation and allowances at time discharge, and would be computed on the basis of two and one-half days furlough for each month of service up to a top of 120 days.

Men already discharged but who served after Sept. 8, 1939, (which means practically every veteran) upon application within one year of the date legislation becomes law would receive payment under the plan.

IN HIS LETTER, Mr. Bolte also urged Congressmen to sign a petition which brought the bill before Congress at the present time.

VETS PREVIEW NEW LOW COST HOME



SOON TO BE LEAVING the assembly lines at the rate of 200 a month, a model of the new pre-fabricated Shelter home for veterans is viewed with interest in New York by two vets: Wesley Junker (left) and Harry Olson (right). Architect Ralph Guiley points out that the basic unit, consisting of a living room, two bedrooms, bath, dinette and kitchen will sell for \$4,685 at factory, and fulfills FHA requirements.

Indp's No. 1 Plans Picnic to be Held Sometime in June

Plans are under way for Indianapolis Chapter No. 1 to hold its first summer outing in the very near future. The tentative set-up calls for a picnic to be held on June 9 at a site to be selected in the near future.

GUY BOLTE, cousin of Charles G. Bolte, National chairman of AVC, has offered his farm land near Noblesville and Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary, has also suggested his home near New Palestine, Indiana. Chapter members, who will be urged to bring visitors, will be notified when more definite arrangements have been made by the committee consisting of Phil Irwin, Bert Gardner, and Elliott Goodman.

Indiana Member is On Site Committee For '47 Convention

Burton B. Ruby, treasurer of the Indiana State Council, was elected by the executive committee to represent this state on the convention site committee for 1947. Ruby is a member of the Michigan City chapter.

The convention site committee will meet prior to the National Convention at Des Moines, to determine their choice for the 1947 site, and will report their recommendations to the convention there.

SOUTH BEND DELEGATES

Joe Baldoni, Oliver Switzer, Albert Shulman and Robert E. Zimmerman were appointed delegates to the National Convention from South Bend. B. J. Garmire and Robert K. Rodibaugh were appointed alternates.

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The Proposed Indiana State Bill of Rights

1. Be it resolved that the State of Indiana shall allocate all unappropriated surplus accrued annually and such additional amounts as may be needed for the purpose of providing additional benefits to veterans of World War II who are currently receiving benefits under "the G. I. Bill of Rights" or who shall be receiving such benefits up to December 31, 1951, in accordance with the table of allowances set forth below.

2. Be it further resolved that the State of Indiana shall appropriate no less than \$2,500,000 and no more than \$5,000,000 annually up to and including the fiscal year 1951 for the rehabilitation of disabled veterans by means described below.

TABLE OF ALLOWANCES

1. Where the federal government is paying "subsistence allowance" under the educational provisions of the G. I. Bill, the State of

Indiana shall pay an additional allowance of 15 cents for every \$1.00 of federal funds.

2. Where the federal government is paying "unemployment compensation" under the provision of the G. I. Bill, the State of Indiana shall pay all additional allowance of 15 cents for every \$1.00 of federal allowance.

3. Where the federal government insures loans to veterans for legitimate purposes under the G. I. Bill, the State of Indiana shall pay the entire interest not paid from federal funds on such loans for a period of five years. This obligation not to be extended beyond December 31, 1952.

REHABILITATION OF DISABLED VETERANS

1. The State of Indiana shall pay a subsistence of living allowance of 25 cents for every \$1.00 expended in federal funds for such purpose which a disabled veteran is at-

tending a recognized institution of learning. This shall not apply to "on the job" training.

2. The State of Indiana shall pay one-third of the cost to a disabled veteran for prosthetic appliances indicated for a disability received in line of duty during World War II.

3. The State of Indiana shall set up an agency to pass upon the validity of all claims made by employers who are providing for "on the job" training—such agency to be composed of a five-man board, one from the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, one from the Indiana Industrial Union Council, one from the A. F. of L., one from the Retail Merchants Association, and one from the personnel division of the State of Indiana—such agency to set standards of the amount of training required in each business or industry filing application for trainee and the mini-industry and/or business.

Jives With "Voice" Figs

Bradley Says Veteran Unemployment Three Times That of Other Civvies

There are three times as many veterans as non-veterans unemployed in the nation today. This blunt, and startling truth, was given by General Omar Bradley in a panel discussion before the U. S. Chamber of Commerce recently. This is an even higher percentage than that reported by VET VOICE in a recent edition when it was found that two veterans were unemployed for every non-working civilian in Indiana.

The General went on to say that one million veterans in the nation are unemployed as of October.

Bradley explained the figure by saying that further demobilization and entry into industry of veterans now "taking it easy" will increase the potential veteran labor force to that figure.

General Bradley warned, "If jobs are not created for these men, we will have to reckon with the ultimate cost and disillusionment of their idleness. Their abilities to find satisfactory employment will hang upon our general economic prosperity."

Big-Wigs Meeting In Sessions for Vet Employment

THE THREE BIGWIGS of veterans affairs of the nation are getting together this week for the Twelfth Annual Conference of Veterans Employment Representatives, in the Coronado Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman, and Major General Lewis B. Hershey, and Mr. Lewis Whellenbach, members of the Veterans Placement Service Board will attend the sessions to discuss job opportunities and general re-employment problems. From Indiana, Fred Myles, acting Veterans Employment Representative, will attend and will speak on the situation in this state.

NOW THAT THE war has been won, the major responsibility of the Veterans Employment Service is that of providing for veterans the maximum of job opportunity through the facilities of the United States Employment Service. For that reason, the conference this year will be in the fullest sense a conference of State Veterans Employment Representatives.

Ex-Army Scribes Spin Lewis Yarn

NEW YORK (FP)—An indication of veterans interest in organized labor is seen in the contents of Salute, the new magazine produced by former editors and writers of Yank and Stars & Stripes, features an ex-GI's interview with John L. Lewis—"Labor's Angry Man."

SALUTE'S MAIDEN issue contained "Bread and Butter Front," an article explaining problems of jobs, wages and higher living costs facing the veteran.

The May labor article by DeWitt Gilpin explains many things about Lewis that veterans might not know—how, before the war "a red hot CIO New Dealer" who fathered Labor's Non-Partisan League to mobilize the labor vote for Roosevelt in 1936, today is a Republican, back in the AFL he so bitterly attacked and miles apart from the CIO on attitude toward prices, wages and political action.

Employers Violate Govt. Labor Laws

Widespread violations of federal labor laws by thousands of employers were reported last week by the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the Labor Department.

GOVERNMENT inspections showed that of 44,300 establishments examined, no less than 32,800 or 74% were found in violation of the law, while 50% were guilty of violating the minimum wage or overtime provisions.

One out of every four cases of violations involving wages unearthed an employer failing to pay his workers the required 40c per hour under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Failure to make proper overtime payments accounted for many other violations.

UNDER THE Fair Labor Standards Act, government officials pointed out, an employer guilty of these violations can be fined up to \$10,000 or in the case of a second violation, be jailed for six months or both.

In addition, the victimized worker may sue for double the back pay due him.

G.I. BILL

(Continued from page 1) the principal proposals of the bill which is intended to extend for five years.

Chapters are urged to discuss this plan at an early meeting and to register the reaction of members. Suggested changes are also requested.

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FEPC FOLDS—NO DOUGH

Chairman Malcolm Ross of the Fair Employment Practices Committee said last week that he had furloughed all remaining 24 employees of his agency, including himself, without pay for lack of funds.

He said the furlough became effective immediately and resulted from the failure last night by House and Senate conferees to approve a \$27,600 appropriation to complete the liquidation of FEPC. He said the refusal of Congress to grant liquidation funds to a federal agency was unique. Congress previously had decreed that FEPC should end by June 30.

AVC to Study VER Job Merits as Employment Issue

Officers of the State Council have been instructed to investigate the issues involved in the appointment of the veterans employment representative. On their findings they are to make a recommendation as to the most likely person to hold the office recently vacated.

It is an office of great importance relative to veterans' employment problems and the desire to investigate the situation further was prompted by the interest AVC is taking regarding employment in Indiana.

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State G.I. Bill

Indiana Has National Leadership Opportunity

In another part of this edition, the VET VOICE is presenting a tentative plan for a state G. I. Bill of Rights to replace other plans that have been brought forward for a state bonus. If you, the members of the American Veterans Committee endorse the general theme, we intend to push for enactment of such a program at the next session of the State Legislature.

Maybe we are barking up the wrong tree. There are many people who would say that we are committing suicide by not coming out for a bonus that will stuff dollars into the pockets of the ex-soldat. They say that to get members into the American Veterans Committee we must be prepared to jump on the bandwagon and help throw out the ready cash.

Such an attitude might be the way to attract members. Certainly other veterans organizations are doing it.

But we could not be honest if we advocated such a thing because we know that a bonus is nothing more than a political handshake. It solves nothing.

For one thing, at present price levels a three or four hundred dollar outright grant would purchase less than half of what it should. The money would be frittered away and in little or no time the veteran would be right back where he started. It would just

be another way to add more money to the inflated market.

A state G.I. Bill, however, is the sound way to be of substantial, long range help to the veteran. In adopting such a program Indiana could step into the national spotlight. The Hoosier state could assume leadership and command national respect for its earnest desire to see to it that returning Hoosier servicemen were given every opportunity to become productive citizens once again.

While approximately six states have already appropriated bonus money from their record surpluses, there is nothing on the record books which says that Indiana cannot be the one to point the way for a more intelligent, realistic program.

And that is exactly what we advocate. The nation saw the need for that kind of legislation when the G.I. Bill was drawn up in the first place. It was the way to get at the root of the readjustment problems of the veteran.

However, the national bill has been shown to have weak spots. It seems only common sense, therefore, that when the state has a chance to implement the program with added financial and administrative assistance, that she would do so. We must fight to make it so.

Army Press

The Stars and Stripes—A Propaganda Sheet

One of the easiest things in the world to do is to sit back and criticize the actions of other people—especially when you are casting barbs in the direction of the Army.

Any bull-session of ex-GIs always gets around to blasting the service from hell to breakfast. But, doggone it, we just can't help it. The Army has done it again.

Last week, Army brass hats in Europe kicked the last bit of press freedom out of the Stars and Stripes as they began hiring civilians to do the job. On the face of it, it might seem that civilians not subject to the discipline and regimentation would have their typewriters freed to do a better, unfettered job of reporting.

A closer looksee, however, shows just the opposite to be true. Since the departure of General Eisenhower, Army big-wigs such as General Lee have taken over and have been consistent and constant in their blasts against any type of Army journalism which permitted criticism of any kind.

Hiring civilians is their most effective way of turning the overseas publications into nothing more potent than propaganda sheets.

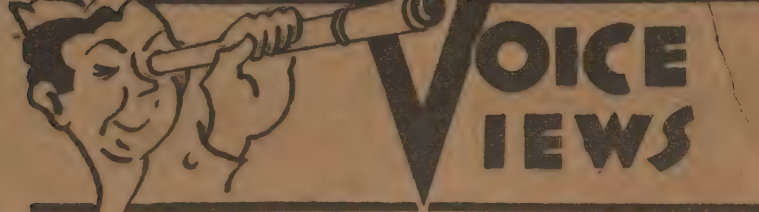
In the first place, the civvies cannot help

but slant their news to avoid criticism of Army brass. They will want to hang onto their jobs. It's the same principal that newspaper dailies employ when they put the soft pedal to news that their advertisers do not like.

In the second place, the writers will be kept apart from the men to whom and for whom they should be writing primarily—the enlisted men. The Army caste system is such that the scribes will be segregated from their reading public.

With such a division the content of any publication will no longer beat forcefully with the pulse of the enlisted men. As a result the Stars and Stripes of old is entitled to a decent burial because the paper that will remain cannot possibly contain the spark that rag enjoyed even in its brief sashet with freedom.

General Lee and company will have to learn the hard way—if ever—that an American occupation army of spirit and discipline will have to be shaped by the same set of principles which have remained the very basic concepts for our democracy. That there is no substitute for fact. That there is no double-talk for Truth.



Confidential Letter Shows Lobby Selfishness—and Power

The following letter by Floyd G. Dana, president of the Chicago Realty Board, was intended to be confidential when written on April 18 to members of the Realty Association in Chicago. There is nothing more powerful than Mr. Dana's own words to show that powerful lobbies did exist to work against the Patman Bill and OPA—and that those lobbies were trying to defeat the legislation for their own special interests. Not once in his entire letter, did Mr. Dana even remotely refer to the people—or the merits of the legislation.—Ed Note.

MEMBERS OF CHICAGO REALTY BOARD,
Gentlemen:

Congratulations are due every member who participated in the splendid fight against the Patman bill in both the Houses of Representatives and the Senate. Unquestionably, this has been a grand victory for our side.

The response that we received from our Senators and Representatives was tremendous. Senator Brooks should be very highly commended for the stand he took on the floor of the Senate. If you have not already done so, telegrams and letters of appreciation should be sent to him at once.

However, the big battle is still to be fought. The extension of the Price Control Act is in the process of hearings in the House at the moment, and will go to the Senate probably next week. This is our opportunity, if ever, to get some relief in the way of rent increases for Chicago.

You will be kept informed of the legislation, both through the Board and the National Association, and we hope that the response from all of us will be as it has been in the last few weeks. We must keep our members continuously aroused, but it is our hope that the fight is a long-drawn-out affair. If we show proper spirit, we can win.

The W-E-T bill is up for a vote in the Senate today. I have been informed that the Senate will pass the bill. Unfortunately, there was not sufficient time for us to show our strength. Our only hope of defeating this drastic legislation is on the floor of the House. When the bill reaches the House, your efforts will be needed.

Again I want to thank each and every contributor who responded to our call for funds for the Washington committee. It has been gratifying to see the numerous checks which have been mailed in, and we are very near reaching our goal.

I am confident that it will be attained in the next few days. Any personal effort expended has been well repaid by the support shown by all of you.

The committee on realtor is in the midst of developing a very extensive advertising campaign which will be presented to the entire membership at some time in the future. For many months, we have felt the need of broader public relations program for our board.

This plan ties in with the findings of a number of other committees. It may be a year before the project can be properly presented. However, you should be informed of our plans, and will be so informed from time to time.

NAREB is seriously considering a very extensive radio program which will be nationwide and for a period of a year's duration. This proposed publicity may possibly tie in with the future program of our own board.

Our committee on realtor, under the chairmanship of Whitney Wall, deserves a lot of credit for the many meetings that have been held and for the time spent by each individual member.

This will be the last letter during the present regime. It is fitting that appreciation should be here acknowledged to all committee chairmen and members who have worked so industriously this past year.

The success, if any, for this administration is entirely due to their credit. It has been marvelous to see the work which has been done, and the kind consideration given by the entire membership is highly appreciated by your outgoing president.

Signed,

FLOYD G. DANA.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Indianapolis Chapter number one recently had sent out an inquiry sheet and the last question asked for comments on VETERANS VOICE. I made one and I want to pass it on to you. It seems to me that when you just have an eight page paper you are wasting a lot of space by carrying record reviews and information on sports. Give us more information of use to veterans and more on issues that AVC supports in its statement of intentions.

Sincerely,

Elmer Nieten,

Indianapolis No. 1

(Ed. note. Even sex can get more notonous.)

The Men Behind the Scene at U. N. Conferences



ALTHOUGH THE CONFERENCES of the United Nations Security Council at Hunter College, Bronx, New York, have been widely reported, little notice has been accorded the experts who work behind the scene to keep the well known delegates completely informed. Their precise and important knowledge makes it possible for men like Byrnes, Gromyko, Cadogan and Ala to have at their fingertips vital data at the moment they need it. Pictured

here are some of the diplomatic experts in back of their chiefs. From left to right, they are: Charles Bohlen, State Department expert on Russia, and Ben Cohen, aides to U. S. State Secretary James Byrnes; Boris Stein, adviser to Russian Ambassador Andrei Gromyko; Valentine Lawford, aide to United Kingdom delegate Sir Arthur Cadogan; and Dr. A. Daftery, counselor to Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala.

About Washington

By HARRY GOTTLIEB, JR.

Anti-labor arias have reached a new thundering crescendo during the coal strike, and this has not been surprising. Significantly, the most shrieking notes have been sung by the people and interests which have always given their sourest notes to organized labor and are constantly looking for bigger and better excuses to sing louder.

GRANTED, the coal strike, by threatening the electric power and the steam transportation of the entire nation, has proved strong bait to lure individuals, who believe that the issues at stake in

are so important as to justify blacking out the country, to refrain from joining the old Johnny-One-Note chorus of demands to make the coal strike the basis for sweeping anti-labor legislation.

SOME FRIENDS of labor have openly denounced John L. Lewis, and a few have gone so far as to demand his trial as a criminal. But cooler heads have noted that there are merits and demerits on both sides of the dispute in this strike, and that the coal mine owners are getting more benefit than they deserve from the flood of public opinion turning against Lewis and his miners.

Lewis himself has had a fantastic career. Less than a decade ago he was the most powerful labor leader in the country. His CIO was aggressively exploring new vistas of economic democracy which the older, more thoroughly established unions, had neglected.

FROM THE TERRIBLE poverty and insecurity of the early 1930's the CIO was forging new hope for the man who was listed merely as a cost on his employer's balance sheet and who was becoming part of the machines he turned on the assembly line.

Lewis, as much as any other man, showed CIO members how to find new security and life through collective effort in industrial unions.

THEN SOMETHING SNAPPED. Perhaps nobody knows the real reason behind Lewis' change of tactics. Was he power mad? Did President Roosevelt betray some solemn promise? Was Lewis politically frustrated?

One of these days the rank and file of the United Mine Workers may send John L. Lewis out to pasture, or Lewis may decide himself that the time to graze has come. In either case, I hope that he settles down to write his memoirs and thereby help to fill an important gap in recent American History.

LITTLE RESEARCH is needed to discover that the United Mine Workers have been on solid ground in their dispute with the coal operators. American coal mines have long been shamefully unhealthy and unsafe. The miners and their families have been constantly insecure.

Hardly a month passes without newspaper stories about another mine cave-in or explosion, with the inevitable tragic pictures of the miners' families clustered hopelessly about a rickety mine shaft. The come the stories about the dead miners' families, how the widows are left without insurance to take care of themselves and their frequently large families.

ORTHODOX CAPITALISM has always demanded large rewards for the risk of capital wealth. It has only been the unions which have insisted upon some kind of decent recompense for the risk to health and human life.

IT IS RIDICULOUS to expect that all labor leaders should be statesmen, always keeping the public welfare uppermost in their minds. The captains of industry have rarely been famed for regarding the public welfare as more important than profit.

Those who advocate the shackling of all labor because of the activities of a few of its leaders should reflect a moment about the fate of industry if the same criteria were applied. There would be no industry today if all business leaders were fully penalized for the practices of a few cartels, monopolies, and unscrupulous concerns.

EVEN IF the coal strike puts out all of the nation's electric lights, there will be small justification for a blackout of all of the nation's intelligent, progressive thought.

65 Cent Minimum Wage

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK
Federated Press

"There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down the tender branch thereof may sprout again."

WHILE THE whole tree of minimum wage bill was not cut down most of the sustaining branches were removed and a huge "sucker" limb was "grafted" upon the tree which nullifies the 20-cent increase in the nation's minimum wage fight.

Hope is revived that the friends of the 65-cent an hour minimum wage bill will compromise if a strong measure can be steered through the House.

That sounds like powerful medicine considering the fact that by most measuring devices the Senate is slightly more progressive than our lower chamber at this time.

The fact is, however, that the unexpected setback given progressives by the Senate's approval of the Russell-Pace rider, tacking farm labor costs onto the minimum wage bill, has stirred some fighting blood in the friends of labor on the Hill.

THERE HAS come a definite realization that the farm bloc's rider would have cut organized labor's recent and pending wage increases by an amount that OFA figures would be 33 1/2 per cent . . . that it would have raised retail food prices around 15 per cent and cost the average family around \$125 a year in consumer food costs. The total increase would have been \$4,400,000,000 a year.

Under the strategy now being worked out here, the campaign will center on getting a strong bill through the House and sent into conference with the Senate. Then the plan would be to compromise by knocking out the farm-labor rider and set the minimum wage at 65 cents—possibly without the feature raising it to 75 cents in four years.

This would mean that the legal minimum would be 65 cents for a period of about a year, at which time would have some new faces in Congress after the fall elections. Then the labor and consumer forces could really go to work and get a better bill passed.

Actually, the 65-cent minimum wouldn't be too heavy for American industry, although it is a sharp boost from the present 40-cent figure. Most employers are already paying 65 cents or more.

Hardest hit would be lumber, textile, tobacco, chemical and some parts of the clothing industry.

Here are some estimates: In parts of the clothing industry, mostly runaway mills in the south-

ern states, about 20,000 workers earn less than 65 cents. Southern textile plants have about 55,000 who are below the 65-cent figure, and in lumber some 12 per cent of all employees, or around 60,000, would get an increase under the bill. Most of these, too, are southerners.

In the tobacco industry, plants making cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products would raise some 15,000 workers or slightly over 15 per cent of all employees . . . and again they are found in Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky plants.

Food manufacturing plants have around 60,000 workers under the proposed 65-cent figure, representing some 6 per cent of their employees, while the woodpulp and paper makers are now paying 20,000 workers less than 55 cents.

Although no exact figures are available on them, a number of other industries would be touched by the 65-cent figure. These include printing plants, furniture factories, cement and clay (soil) pipe makers, glass products, and leather goods factories. And by far the majority of the underpaid workers live in Dixie.

Add all of these sub-marginal workers and you get not over 300,000 for the whole country . . . and it was because of them that the polltax Democrats so successfully ripped the original minimum wage proposal in the Senate.

Back of their fight lies the southern wage differential under which a worker earns from 10 to 20 per cent less than a northern employe doing exactly the same job on the same machine . . . and frequently for the same employer.

It is from this analysis, showing that the problem is a southern one and that the solution was killed by southern Senators, that new emphasis is being placed here upon the House-approved poll tax repeal bill.

Despite President Truman's disapproval of the polltax as a national problem in Chicago, liberal Democrats and Republicans in the Senate are moving ahead to force a showdown on HR 7 before the fall election—and before most of their colleagues start drifting back home to solicit votes.

Although some of the leaders in the Senate are quite aware of it, a lot of others should be reminded that bringing up the bill will be quite useless unless there is an understanding that the cloture rule will be involved. Cloture is the key to killing the polltax.

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY

It has been inevitable for more than 25 years that William Allen White's Autobiography would one day appear. This is the sort of book you can't make up your mind about even after the first careful reading, for it is essentially a history of our time and the average man hasn't the an-

swer to everything any more than Mr. White had.

THE STORY of White's life is certainly an interesting and colorful one. Without benefit of financial interest and almost by sheer force of editorial personality, Mr. White managed to work his way into the smoke-filled rooms of the political world and to emerge as part prophet, part apologist, and part-time adviser

to the Republican Party. He was a friend of almost every major political figure of the past 40 years and managed to exert considerable influence on the decision makers.

POLITICALLY, White was almost several years ahead of his friends, the picture he draws of himself is one of a man who spent a lifetime learning what he could about his country, and yet in the end never feeling too sure that he understood it.

The AUTOBIOGRAPHY is something every serious student of America should read and I venture to predict that few books of our time will be more widely studied here as well as abroad.—LARRY HILL.

Platter Chatter FOR YOU JIVE HOUNDS

BY DON WINTIN

"MUSIC IS THE ONLY CRAFT THAT CREATES THE INSTRUMENT THAT IN TURN PUTS HIM OUT OF WORK."

I don't know who said it, but it's a quotation that every musician knows by heart. It is, of course, in reference to records.

HERE'S HOW it works—When band cuts a record the sideman, under normal circumstances, is paid a flat sum and that ends it as far as he is concerned. After the record is released, the public can hear his music countless times but he receives no further remuneration.

Now this is one of the reasons the musician's unions are always in the limelight. They are trying to get the men paid, not in accordance with the actual working period, but rather in accordance with the amount of time devoted to listening to their music.

Very few people realize that it takes a man longer to become a musician than it does to become a doctor and that the top men spend thousands of dollars studying to prepare themselves for this work.

The next time you pay 75 cent for a record, just multiply that by the number of people all over the country who are buying that record. It would be a staggering sum. Then realize that the men who cut the record make only \$25 or \$30. Not much return on the original investment, is it?

That's why I hate to see the government cracking down on the musician's union.

IT HAS BEEN said that this new bill is aimed directly against Petrillo. It seems hardly feasible that all the Congressmen have something personal against Petrillo or that this will correct unfair practices.

No, we feel that there's more to it. For instance, we quote the Chicago Journal of Commerce—"fixing him personally won't alone correct the evils—other union leaders exact tribute and force them to hire more help than they need. What should be done—is to overhaul the Wagner act to make organized labor equally liable with industry for unfair practices."

SEE WHAT I MEAN? It furnishes a nice, convenient wedge that will lead to further muzzling of all labor unions. There's no doubt about it—some unions are in a mighty

But it's almost funny. These boys who are cutting some mighty fine discs these days. For instance, Harry James has THE WONDER OF YOU on which Willie Smith—my boy—plays knocked out alto. Kitty Kallen makes a nice vocal and it all goes to make a nice, listenable record. Col. 36933.

BUT ENOUGH of that for now. On to brighter things. King Cole turned out the miracle record of the month. Both TO BE BY YOURSELF. The arrangements are fine and the boys play and sing them in great style. Cap. 239.

JAN SAVITT, one of the few men who knows how to use strings in a dance band, uses them to full advantage on TALK OF THE TOWN. We don't care too much for the vocal but the band makes up for it. ARA 134.

Boyd Raeburn lets fly with TONSILECTOMY. Here is a fine band—wonderful arranging and clean playing. The trumpet and tenor choruses highlight the record but only because of the fine background written in by the arranger, George Handy. It's a record you can listen to if you like the finer points that go to make up good jazz. Jewel 223.

WE HAD THE unfortunate experience of listening to Sammy Kaye's PUT YOUR LITTLE FOOT RIGHT OUT. Back when we were in the 12th AD band at Camp Barkely, Texas, we had to play this tune every night we played the officers' club. I hope some of you ex-barmen have paid out good money for this record—serves you right. Everyone else stay away 'cause it seems like Swing and Sway is getting a little sway-backed. But, if you don't believe me, it's on Vic. 20-1812.

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BELIEFS—See "Statement of Intentions" in another part of paper.

ACTION—"AVC did best job in Washington in fighting for housing for the veteran."—Drew Pearson, Washington Merry-Go-Round Columnist.

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Ansco developing kits are now available, and much care must be taken in the processing of the film. Otherwise the results are liable to be "sad sack."

We understand that the OPA has allowed the photographic manufacturers an increase in price and consequently a lot of new material should be on camera shop shelves within the month. And speaking of new equipment, we saw two brand new Speed Graphics about to be delivered to a couple of veterans.

ANY VETERAN whose livelihood depends upon taking pictures can obtain one of these cameras simply by going to their local CPA office to apply for forms and instructions. Fill them out, take them to your dealer, and he will do the rest.

The new National Cold Light enlarger is a honey, with its new neon tubing light; and we also saw the new De Jur Versatile, which is a very fine piece of dark room equipment.

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Sons of Winning Congress Nominee Cast Vote for AVC

THE SONS OF William W. Welsh, Peru, have joined the American Veterans Committee. Mr. Welsh was the successful Democratic nominee for Congress from the Fifth District in the recent primary nominations.

His two sons, Stephen J. and William F., became interested in AVC when Mr. Welsh received the recent questionnaire circulated by the VETERAN'S VOICE, which the theme, "Citizens Veterans Second" was emphasized.

THEY requested additional information and promptly returned their signed applications to State Headquarters.

Both were officers, Stephen being a first "loole" in the Marine Air Corps, with William holding a similar rank in the AAF.

Politically Speaking

James Noland, 7th District Winner, Signs Up With AVC at Bloomington

Capt. James E. Noland, successful democratic candidate for U.S. representative from the Seventh District told members of the Bloomington chapter that the leaders of the country look to organized veterans for their leadership as he signed a membership card in AVC.

LaPorte Sports Two Candidates

LaPorte members of AVC took more than a casual interest in the recent primary nominations. Two members of that chapter, one of the most active in Indiana, were victorious in their campaign for nomination.

Norman Reeg won the Republican nomination for sheriff, while Earl Ebert became the Democratic nominee for constable.

"I know the American Veterans Committee," he said, "takes an active interest in current affairs and, therefore, is attempting to supply that leadership. I choose to cast my beliefs with yours."

NOLAND, WHO won the nomination by about 2,000 votes last Tuesday, pledged himself to furthering the best interests of the Nation and the veterans. He said that he would act in line with the Statement of Intentions and would fight for real "progressive legislation" if elected.

Successful Candidates In Primary

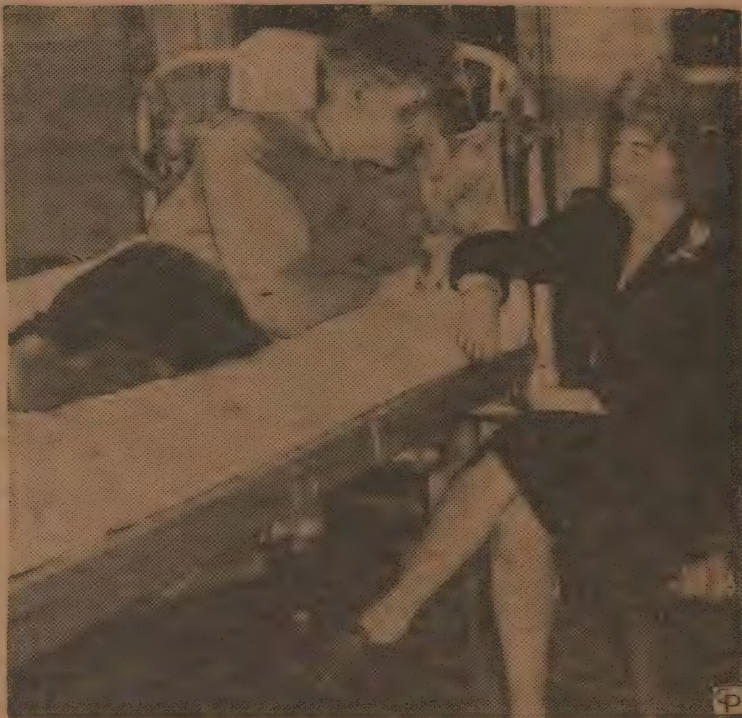
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Mrs. Margaret Afflis
John S. Gonas
Walter Frederick
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Thomas A. Sigler
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Winfield K. Denton
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ON ONE OF HER REGULAR WEEKLY VISITS to Walter Reed hospital in Washington, Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts chats with Pfc. Charles Helsel of Hollidaysburg, Pa., who lost his leg in France. Coming up for a House vote soon is Mrs. Rogers' bill authorizing the government to provide every amputee veteran a suitably equipped automobile not to exceed \$1,500 in cost.

MISHAWAKA EDITOR HITS VET RECEPTION

John J. Rhodes, editor-publisher of the Mishawaka (Ind.) Enterprise, has resigned from his local draft board because he doesn't want to draft any more Americans. He doesn't like the way veterans are being treated when they come home.

THE LETTER of resignation, addressed to the President of the U. S. A., occupies almost two columns of Page 1 of his newspaper.

"While World War II still continued our servicemen were regarded as heroes. Nothing was too good for them. They were well clothed and fattened. The war was won for us. Now our men

are returning. But not to conditions they dreamed of when they were facing enemy fire.

Instead they find themselves confronted with a dire housing shortage, meat shortage, butter shortage, clothing shortage, a 50 to 60 cent dollar and many times discriminated against and snubbed.

THE TIME that I would spend on the board were I to continue to serve I will spend on my newspaper attempting to make better the lot of our returned soldiers."

Authoritative Survey by Writer Has G.I. Insurance On The Ball

term policy, let it lapse, or been up, look and find out more about

who have let their term policies lapse are dealing a poor hand, according to Sidney Margolius, insurance expert who writes a column on the GI insurance policy for a prominent Chicago newspaper. The reason why—vets can continue their term insurance at the same rate as when in service for eight years from the date each policy was taken out.

THROUGH COMPARISON with other low-cost policies of large companies, the soldiers' in-

whether they are insurable before they pass up what they have now.

VETS IN INDUSTRIAL trades particularly hazardous occupations should know that service insurance places no restrictions upon occupation or travel (you could even be a soldier). Nearly all private policies do.

Upon checking over your serv-

ice insurance you will see that it contains a valuable clause waiving premiums in case of total disability. In fact, some vets may be eligible for such waiver without knowing it.

The Government policy provides that if the insured vet becomes totally disabled for six months, his premiums are waived for that period and for as long as the total disability continues.

ON THE WHOLE, the best angles for most vets right now, in Mr. Margolius' opinion would be to continue the term policies without reconverting to the higher cost Government policies, but not giving up Government insurance for private-company programs. Those vets who have looked into the matter have found this to be true.

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:
Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

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AVC OFFICE NEEDS HELP—BAD!

A helping hand is still needed at State AVC Headquarters. As more chapters come into the fold, and national convention time draws close at hand, correspondence continues to mount. Frankly, our secretary is getting "wore to a frazzle" trying to keep up with it all.

IF ANY of you AVC members in Indianapolis or nearby, has a wife, girl friend — or typewriter — who would like to help out on a part time basis at home or in the office, have them get in touch with State AVC Headquarters, 305 Inland Bldg., RI. 4481.

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The Jewish War Veterans of the United States were reported by the Chicago Times recently as asserting that in many instances veterans have been excluded from colleges and universities because they were Jewish. Plans for a national survey to determine the extent of such discriminations were announced by VA.

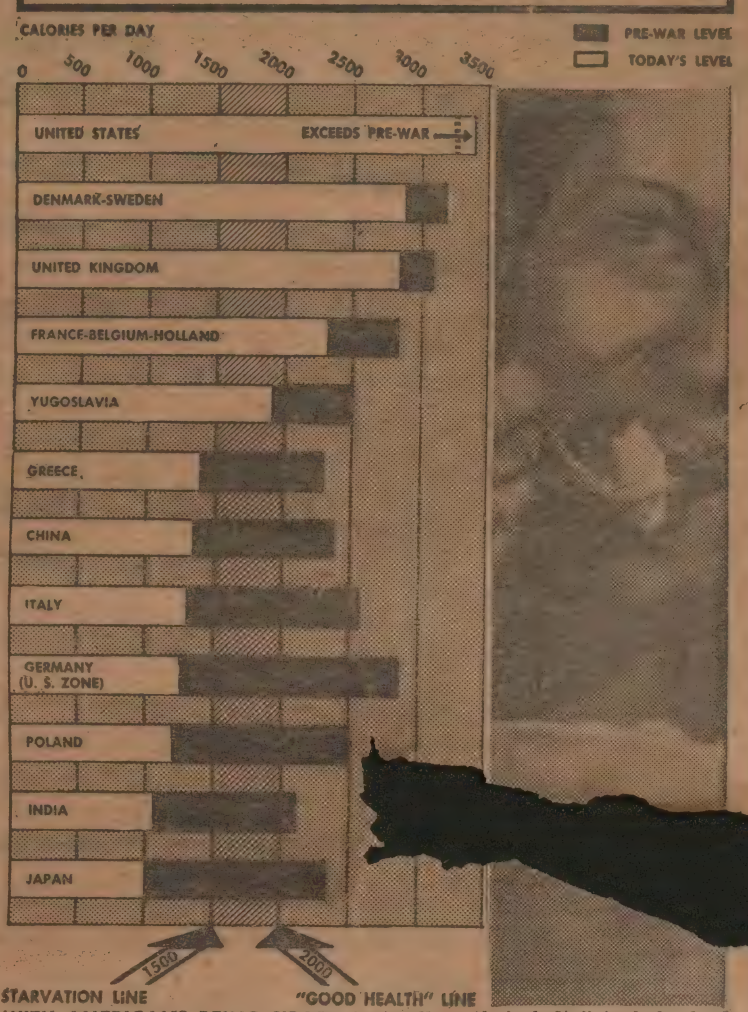
U.S. Must Act As Food Problem Grows More Acute

YUGOSLAV ORPHANS THANK UNRRA FOR 'LIFE'



WAR ORPHANS AT THE PETER DRAPSHIN ORPHANAGE for tubercular children in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, sit around a table bearing a sign which reads in their language, "We, children of Yugoslavia, give thanks to UNRRA." The relief organization has been instrumental in bringing in ample food and medicine for proper nourishment and treatment of the helpless and sick little war victims.

HOW YOU EAT IN WORLD OF WANT



STARVATION LINE "GOOD HEALTH" LINE
 WITH AMERICANS BEING URGED to "pull in their belts" to help feed 4,000,000 famine-threatened people, this chart provides at a glance an answer to a question many are asking: "What are these people actually eating, and what do they need?" The information on the chart above came from UNRRA and other relief agencies, according to the most recent reports from former President Herbert Hoover's check of the hunger zones. Note "starvation line" and "good health" line to which arrows on chart point.

'Ike' Eisenhower Says

Again, our own conception of democracy, no matter how earnestly venerated by ourselves, is of little importance to men whose immediate concern is the preservation of physical life.

WITH FAMINE and starvation the lot of half of the world, food is of far more current importance to them than are political ideas.

THE DEGREE of our sacrifice in feeding the hungry is the degree of our understanding of the world today.

AND BY our conduct toward the hungry now, our country and its institutions will not only be judged tomorrow, but our own progress toward a peaceful world will be measured.

'Butch' La Guardia States Food Steps

Fiorello LaGuardia, UNRRA Director last week laid down a set of specific recommendations to solve food shortages. They follow:

1. An international food board to control grain allocations.
2. An international agreement for co-ordination of all government purchases of grain and other basic foods.
3. Action within 30 to 60 days to repatriate displaced persons now living in camps in Europe.
4. Immediate consideration by countries with room such as U. S., Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Australia, and Colombia of concrete steps toward taking in refugees.
5. Consideration in Paris meeting in September of turning over UNRRA relief agencies to United Nations.

The Vormelker Diet---Want to Try It?

1st Day	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
*C. 245 *P. 44 *F. 6 Cal. 1210	Bread, 3 slices Tea	Bread, 3 slices Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls Peanut oil, 1 teaspoon	Fish, 1 ounce Spaghetti, 1 cupful Bread, 3 slices Beets, ½ cupful
2nd Day C. 255 P. 45 F. 2 Cal. 1218	Bread, 3 slices Tea	Bread, 3 slices Macaroni, 1½ cupfuls	Meat, 1 ounce Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls Bread, 3 slices
3rd Day C. 245 P. 45 F. 6 Cal. 1214	Bread, 3 slices Egg, 1 Tea	Bread, 3 slices Spaghetti, 1 cupful Beets, ½ cupful	Bread, 3 slices Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls Cabbage, ½ cupful
4th Day C. 255 P. 43 F. 2 Cal. 1210	Bread, 3 slices Tea	Bread, 3 slices Macaroni, 1½ cupfuls Apple, 1	Potatoes, 1 cupful Bread, 3 slices Meat, 1 ounce
5th Day C. 255 P. 39 F. 4 Cal. 1212	Bread, 3 slices Tea	Bread, 3 slices Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls Peanut oil, 1 teaspoon	Spaghetti, 1¼ cupfuls Bread, 3 slices Cabbage, ½ cupful
6th Day C. 255 P. 46 F. 2 Cal. 1218	Bread, 3 slices Tea	Bread, 3 slices Spaghetti, 1½ cupfuls	Bread, 3 slices Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls Fish, 1 ounce

How to Save Food

If you wish to reduce and send food to Europe all in one operation you can save 600 calories a day by sticking to the following diet:

SUBSTITUTE fruits and custards for pie, cake, doughnuts or cookies. This will trim off another 100 to 300 calories.

GIVE UP fried foods and salad dressing.

USE MILK instead of cream in coffee.

EAT SUGAR and sweets sparingly. Have plenty of fruits and vegetables instead. Take extra helpings of peas, lima beans and corn when cutting down on cereals.

HELP YOURSELF to plenty of protein foods, such as milk, eggs, poultry and lean meat.

SOLON TRIES OUT 'GARBAGE' MEAL



REPRESENTATIVE Walter Norblad of Oregon is pictured eating a meal in the House of Representatives restaurant in Washington, which he said, the Navy had classified as "garbage" and thrown on the city dump at Astoria, Ore. The luncheon consisted of canned meat, cranberry sauce, powdered milk and powdered lemon juice. He charged that while Europe starved, the Navy was throwing good food away.

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FIVE CENTS

National, State Conventions Coming Up; State Conclave For January 7-8

Indiana AVC has gone convention-conscious in a big way. First on the agenda is the National Convention, which will take place Thanksgiving week-end, November 25-27 at the Congress Hotel in Chicago.

Although no official program has been distributed yet for this Convention, it has been announced that important Platform Committee meetings will begin Thursday evening, November 24th, with the official Opening Session of the Convention set for Friday morning, November 25th. President Harry S. Truman and a number of other notable speakers, have been invited to address the gathering.

First Convention Appointments Made

The State Office announces that Bob Long, Chairman of Indiana-

poli No. 1, has been appointed Convention chairman for the fifth annual State Convention of the Indiana State Council, AVC, and that Richard Fritzmeier, AVC Steelworkers Organizer, will be in charge of the arrangements committee for the Convention.

It was further announced that former State Chairman George E. Winder will be chairman of the credentials committee, on which James Carter, Muncie AVC chairman, and Randy Frakes, member of Indianapolis No. 1 also will serve.

Roland Dickerson, chairman of the South Bend Chapter, will serve as chairman of the nominations committee. One member from each chapter will be designated by the chapter delegations at the Convention to serve on this Committee with him.

State Convention To Be Held Early

The second Convention event to come up in the near future is the Fifth Annual State Convention, which will be held January 7-8, in Indianapolis.

The Convention will open with a banquet on Saturday evening, to be followed by a Plenary Session, which will conduct routine business, and hear the annual report of the State Chairman.

Committee meetings will follow. (Continued on Page 5)

Indiana State CIO Convention Endorses AVC

The Indiana State CIO at their annual convention held at Fort Wayne recently unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the American Veterans Committee for its courageous stand on issues of interest and benefit to the people of this country.

This resolution was presented by the Indianapolis Steelworkers Chapter and prepared by R. G. Fritzmeier, AVC Organizer. Fritzmeier explained that this was the first time that any large labor group singled out an individual

veterans organization, in recognition of its principles and its constructive work.

The text of the resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Out of the second World War, there came a new Veterans' organization, the American Veterans Committee, which has proved itself a friend of labor and an independent, courageous force for a more democratic and prosperous America and a more stable world.

WHEREAS: AVC has rightfully earned the help and praise of leaders of organized labor, particularly our President Philip Murray, who said, "My associates and I have noted that when we engaged in a struggle in the halls of Congress for progressive legislation, the AVC was always at our side."

WHEREAS: The American Veterans Committee (AVC) has fought shoulder to shoulder with the CIO:

Against Taft-Hartley and for its outright repeal;

Against segregation and for the anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and FEPC bills; and

Against hand-outs to veterans and for housing, education and increased social security for all; and

WHEREAS: President Philip Murray of the CIO and many other national leaders of CIO have roundly endorsed AVC, and the leaders of the CIO in Indiana have found Indiana AVC to be a militant, effective ally in achieving the objectives of Indiana CIO,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the convention of Indiana CIO commends the American Veterans Committee (AVC) and recognizes AVC as a worthy partner and the fight to attain the goals of the labor-liberal movements, and we therefore urge all of our constituent locals and the officers and members thereof to extend every possible practical support to the American Veterans Committee."

Passed unanimously.

Five Chapters Attend State Council Meeting—Pronounced A Success

With delegates from Indianapolis No. 1, Indianapolis No. 6, South Bend, Plymouth and Bloomington in attendance, the last State Council meeting of the year, held in Indianapolis last month, successfully addressed itself to a number of problems before the organization.

A report by the State Chairman on State Council Activities since the last meeting of the Council opened the meeting. Among other things, this report mentioned great activity on 52-20 extension, which apparently is beginning to bear fruit (see elsewhere in this issue that the Congressional Committee on Veterans Affairs will begin hearing shortly).

State Officers were further active in cooperating with Indianapolis No. 1 in its fight for a Housing Authority. More than 20 letters were written to Indiana Mayors, urging them to appoint Public Housing Authorities for their various cities.

In the field of Civil Rights, AVC took issue with a Legion proposal for a State Un-American Activities Committee, and urged the Governor to reject this recommendation. Plans for a renewed and extended fight for a Fair Employment Practices Act were also laid.

Furthermore, the State Council was active in revitalizing both the South Bend and Bloomington Chapters, it aided Indianapolis No. 1 in planning a comprehensive fall program, and it cooperated closely with the office of the Steelworkers Organizer in forming a new chapter in Muncie.

Following this report by the State Chairman, the Council addressed itself to new locations. It was decided to cooperate closely with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Labor Unions, and church organizations, in pushing the fight for an effective FEPC law at the next session of the State Legislature.

The State Council took issue with a recent pronouncement on the part of the National Planning Committee, which seemed to indicate a desire to eliminate intermediate echelons, such as the State Council.

The opinion was generally expressed that, dollar for dollar, the State Council had made better use of its funds and energies, and had accomplished more than any chapter, that its record would bear comparison with that of any other echelon within AVC.

In the meantime, the State Office has been assured by the National Office that there is no intention to interfere in any manner with the work of intermediate echelons.

The State Council further went on record as opposed to the pro-

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Public Housing Authority Created In Indianapolis

By a vote of 6 to 2, the City Council of Indianapolis created a Public Housing Authority Monday, November 7 at the City Hall in the Capitol City. The vote was strictly along party lines with Democrats Christian Emhardt, Porter Seidensticker, Joseph A. Wallace, Joseph A. Wicker, Jr., Guy Ross and Mary Connor voting for the measure, while the Republicans offered a solid block of opposition and were Donald Jameson, Joseph E. Bright and Charles E. Ehlers.

The vote concluded a six weeks fight before the County Council but for the American Veterans Committee members it was the realization of an objective for which the organization has been fighting since 1946. Three years ago, AVC sponsored a measure which was defeated by the City Council.

The successful campaign this year was timed to begin with the passage in Washington of the Federal Housing Bill last April which was considered an absolute necessity if a Housing Authority were to be created in Indianapolis. A Housing Conference, under AVC impetus and sponsored by CIO, AFL, NAACP, and various social agencies, was held in mid-April at the World War Memorial. A vast, comprehensive survey of local housing needs was presented, and nationally known personalities among whom were Andrew Jacobs, Congressman from the 11th District, and R. J. Thomas, National Housing Director for the CIO, appeared. Operation of a Housing Authority was explained in detail, and a Committee for Public Housing was created, with Martin Lerner, Regional Vice-Chairman of AVC as the head.

A resolution calling for the creation of PHA was submitted to the City Council late in September and an open hearing on the measure was held October 1st. More than 500 persons filled the Council chambers and a heated three hour session followed. Two weeks later, the measure was called for final action, but a motion to table

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Sondermann's Hooked

Our hard-working AVC state chairman, Fred Sondermann, has a new boss. He has decided, after due consideration, to join the fraternity of married men.

And we hasten to add, it couldn't happen to a nicer couple. The gal is Miss Marion Obermeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Obermeyer of 4001 Central Ave., Indianapolis.

The two love-birds were honored at a recent reception given by the parents of the bride-to-be. Numerous AVC'ers were present at the occasion.

Miss Obermeyer is a graduate of Shortridge High School and has attended the University of Illinois. She majored in Chemistry.

Sondermann graduated from Butler last summer and is currently working on his Master's Degree in the field of Government at Indiana University.

The wedding is scheduled for the latter part of January. Free of charge, we hereby advertise for a home for the two lovers. They will live in Bloomington.

Congratulations, and lots of happiness.

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AVC'S FUTURE

On Thanksgiving week-end, hundreds of devoted AVC'ers from all over the nation—including, we hope, very many from Indiana—will converge on Chicago, there to plot a course for AVC for the next year and for many years to come.

The delegates to the Fourth Annual Convention will be faced with weighty problems and will have to make difficult and far-reaching decisions. They need and deserve not only the confidence and loyalty of the thousands of members whom they represent, but they need the active support of everyone devoted to our organization's aims.

Our Problems

If we are to be as honest with ourselves as we have been with others, we must face up to our problems. We must not let them get the best of us, but we must not minimize them either.

A declining membership (experienced by AVC and other veterans organizations alike), a lack of enthusiasm on the part of many once active members, a too frequent inability to perform efficiently and effectively, a remaining financial indebtedness—all these are problems for which there are no easy, off-hand solutions.

In many ways, Chicago will be the real test of AVC's ability to play a constructive and meaningful role in the pattern of our American democracy. Unless we demonstrate there that we know how to solve our own problems, our proposed solutions for larger problems will be greeted with justified scepticism.

To be frank about AVC's problem is not to be defeatist. We need more frank evaluation and discussion of our shortcomings and less defeatist talk. To give up when the going gets rough has never yet solved a single problem.

As long as millions of Americans are ill-housed, are discriminated against, are faced with a declining standard of living . . . as long as the threat of depression and war hangs over us, there is a real need for AVC.

Our task now is to think—and work—as we have never thought—as we have never worked—before, because "it is not the beginning of a thing, but the continuing of the same until it is thoroughly finished, that yieldeth the true glory."

Our Record

There are many bright sides to AVC's record during the past year. Above all, AVC'ers would be remiss in their duty if they failed to pay tribute to the devoted, selfless leadership which has characterized the past year's National Administration.

Under the most difficult and trying circumstances, our national officers, Gil Harrison and Joe Clorety, aided by many Regional Chairmen and NPC members, have done a job for which they deserve unstinting praise.

They deserve grateful recognition on the part of every one of us.

A Look Ahead

Our program for 1950 must be based on the realization that in all likelihood we will not soon become a mass organization. Our efforts must therefore be geared to a gradual, constant, healthy growth of our present hard core of strength, combined with unceasing efforts to build upon this solid foundation an active, vigorous, and flexible organization, able to advance AVC's program at every possible opportunity.

A realistic program for 1950 must include increased emphasis on the issues which command the support of all AVC'ers, an end to the fratricidal warfare which has sapped so much of our strength, and a new national administration which will combine breadth of vision with efficiency and practical experience in AVC work on all levels.

It must include a streamlining of our organizational structure, increased efficiency on all levels, so that many of the functions now burdening the national office can be decentralized, a pursuit of achievable short-range as well as long-range objectives, an increased emphasis on community issues and veterans service, a more effective Public Relations program, and continued close liaison with friendly organizations.

Above all, 1950 demands a renewed dedication on the part of every AVC'er to the ideals which prompted him to join the organization—ideals which have as much validity now as they did in earlier years.

This is the most important contribution which all of us

What Chapters In Other States Are Doing

Nashville, Tenn.—This chapter reports that passing out AVC book matches remains good public relations. Not content with its present club room, the chapter is planning to better this situation. Recent speakers to membership meetings have included Ralph Fleming on "World Government," and Dr. Ross Lomantz, atomic scientist, on "Science as a Citizen." Chapter members, their families and friends, spend every fifth Sunday on a picnic, outing, or some social affair by way of developing closer acquaintance and strengthening chapter ties.

Tulsa, Okla.—This is another successful chapter which attributes its health to a varied program of activity. Recent highlights included an overflow membership meeting to hear Dr. E. N. Lubin discuss the Kinsey report, a steak fry, and other social activities.

Mt. Vernon Chapter, N. Y.—This chapter is co-sponsoring with a number of Mt. Vernon churches, Y. M. C. A., B'nai B'rith and other community organizations a survey of discrimination in housing, recreation, employment, education, religion, and welfare agencies operating in Mt. Vernon. The survey is intended to determine the degree of discrimination in existence, its effects on civil rights and related questions.

University of Wyoming Chapter—Here is one of AVC's most recently chartered chapters, which has already found the key to successful operation. The chapter sponsored a book drive, which netted over 400 books for distribu-

tion to war-devastated schools abroad. They are organizing a baseball team among Navajo Indians in Laramie, and planning a playground in Vets Village, the college housing development for student veterans and their families.

Freedom Chapter, Cleveland, O.—is cooperating with UNESCO by conducting a drive for note books, pencils, rulers, maps, globes and other basic educational materials. All items collected will be sent to schools in the Philippines, still in need of many articles to replace damage done during the war.

Business and Professional Chapter, Chicago—mailed every member an NSLI application blank.

Have You Made Your Reservation Yet?

Reservations for the National Convention must be made by all who plan to attend the Pow-wow. You can do so by writing directly to the Congress Hotel, Michigan Avenue at Congress Street, Chicago 5, Illinois, specifying the kind of accommodations you desire.

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can make to the continued existence of an organization which is unique on the American scene, and which, through its uniqueness, has so much to offer.

Fred A. Sondermann
Indiana State Chairman
American Veterans Committee

Tentative Program For State Convention

Saturday, January 7, 1949

3:00—6:00 P. M.—Registration of Delegates

3:00—5:30 P. M.—Committee Meetings

a. Constitutional Revisions Committee

b. Nominations Committee

c. Resolutions Committee

6:00—8:00 P. M.—Banquet (Guest Speaker)

8:00—10:00 P. M.—First Plenary Session

Invocation

Report of Credentials Committee

Adoption of Rules

Keynote Address

Reports of State Officers

Report of Constitutional Amendments Committee

Voting on Constitutional Amendments

Report of Resolutions Committee

Voting on Resolutions

Sunday, January 8, 1949

9:30—12:00 Noon—Second Plenary Session

Invocation

Report of Nominations Committee

Election of new officers

Unfinished Business

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

12:30—1:30—Luncheon

Note: In the event that it is impossible to take care of all business during the Sunday morning session, it may be necessary to call a short Sunday afternoon session.

The State Office welcomes all suggestions with respect to changes in this proposed schedule.

An American Creed

The following are excerpts from the remarks made by Mr. Charles M. LaFollette, former Republican Congressman from Indiana, Governor-General of Wuertemberg-Baden, and present National Director of the Americans for Democratic Action, at a National Full Employment Conference.

"... We assert that the people of the United States do not exist to sustain an economy, but that

the economic system of this country exists to meet the legitimate needs of the people. By every test of the American ethic, it is clear that those who own the means of production and distribution hold it at the sufferance of the American people and subject to their power. Acting through their government and within the limits of the Constitution, the people exercise the right to have such property used for the promotion of their welfare. Any other construction of the American democratic ethic would define the United States as a nation in which the people were given the freedom to assemble in debating societies and the monopolists and extortionists the freedom to pick their pockets. We refuse to be frightened into the hands of domestic reactionaries by a Halloween pumpkin labeled the Welfare State, held in the quaking hands of elder statesmen whose own welfare is adequately cared for and who never believed in New Deal anyway. The masses of the people who voted the New Deal into power still await the full life it gave them the vision to see was theirs—and the promise that some day they would attain it.

"Our heritage includes the unalienable, rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It was to secure these rights that this Government was instituted. The pursuit of happiness is far different from spending our lives in the pursuit of a job controlled by a man whose sole right to own job-producing property is that given him by the government of the people. Liberty is the right to enjoy equal treatment and justice under law. It is not the license to use property in such a manner that a vast percentage of the American people cannot get enough real wages to consume the goods pro-

Mrs. Roosevelt, Dr. Bunche Honorary Members

At its recent meeting in Boston, the National Planning Committee awarded Honorary Memberships to Dr. Ralph Bunche and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt "for distinguished service to the peoples of the United Nations."

Only one other such membership (to Bishop Bernard J. Sheil) has been previously awarded by the organization.

Mrs. Roosevelt, acclaimed for her contribution to the advancement of human rights, is a delegate to the General Assembly of the UN, while Dr. Bunche, famed for his conciliatory leadership in the Israel-Arab controversy, is now Director of the Department of Trusteeship of the UN.

In a letter from Secretary of State Dean Acheson to the National Chairman, the former said, "You have my congratulations upon your selection of these two distinguished Americans who fully deserve the honor you confer upon them by this action."

Bloomington Elects Officers

The Indiana University Chapter of the American Veterans Committee named ELMER WARD, one of the oldest and most devoted AVC'ers in the State, to the Chairmanship in an election held on October 17th.

Assisting him will be Roy Brooks as Chapter Treasurer, and Hansel Hall as Chapter Secretary.

Congratulations to all three of them on a well-earned recognition, and best wishes for a successful administration.

duced. And the law, unless it represents the consent of the governed, is not the law which the Declaration of Independence guarantees us as a part of our heritage.

"The American people have accepted the proposition that a private enterprise economy regulated by the people through their government can be so managed as to give us the heritage which the Declaration of Independence proclaims. But the burden is not upon us to prove our right to insist that this system be run for our welfare. The burden is upon the forces of privilege, the elder statesmen, and those for whom they speak, to prove their willingness to help assure the realization of our heritage while they continue to enjoy the personal bounty which the system has brought them."

Proposed Convention Rules, Fifth Annual State Convention, AVC

ARTICLE I—VOTING

Section 1.—Procedural Matters

(a) Each accredited delegate shall be entitled to one vote on matters relating to procedure.

(b) Any motion to amend, annul, repeal, or rescind any part of convention procedure shall require a majority vote.

Section 2.—Substantive Matters

(a) Votes on revision of Constitution, the election of State Officers, Resolutions, and other substantive matters shall be tabulated on the basis of delegates' per capita representation.

(b) Each chapter delegate shall have the number of votes determined by dividing the total vote of his chapter as of the Opening date of the Convention by the number of delegates in attendance from that chapter.

(c) Voting on substantive matters shall be tabulated by chapters, the Chairman of each delegation polling his delegates and recording the votes.

ARTICLE II—ACCREDITATION

Section 1.

(a) Each chapter shall be entitled to as many votes as it has members who are paid up to the State Council. (The State Council's share shall be 20 percent and the National Office's share 60 percent of each member's dues).

(b) These dues must be paid by 6:00 p. m. of the opening day of the Convention.

(c) Proof required shall be either National Office rosters or a copy of the National Transmittal form marked "Paid" by the State Treasurer. These also must be dated prior to 6:00 p. m., on the opening day of the Convention.

(d) No member shall be counted more than once for purposes of Convention representation.

(e) The above clauses (Article II, Section 1 (a), (b) and (c) may be suspended by action of the Credentials Committee if cause is shown.

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ARTICLE III—COMMITTEES

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National Housing Fight Continues

In a special mailing to all chapter chairmen, Andrew Rice, deputy housing chairman of the American Veterans Committee, discussed the job behind AVC in the Housing field and the equally important job ahead of our organization. Pertinent parts of his reports follow below:

"1949 has been a good year for housing. The greatest feature of the year was the passage by Congress—after four long years of stalling—of the Housing Act of 1949. This act provided for a federally assisted program of slum clearance, urban redevelopment, low-rental housing, housing research, and farm housing. It is a good law, even better than the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill of past years.

"AVC can take a lot of credit for the passage of this legislation. It is no secret that AVC's crusading fight for adequate housing legislation since 1945 has been the sparkplug which finally galvanized into action in support of the bill this year all veterans organizations. It's been a long uphill pull since the days when AVC stood alone in the battle, but its constant efforts have quite literally forced other veteran groups to support the bill. Qualified observers recognize this. . .

(b) The Nominations Committee shall nominate not more than three candidates for each office.

(c) A complete slate of officers shall be presented by the Nominations Committee before voting shall begin.

(d) Nominations from the floor shall be in order.

(e) All voting for the election of officers shall be done by chapter. Chairman of each chapter delegation will record the votes.

(f) The State Chairman, Administrative Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian shall be chosen by a majority vote at the

"What remains to be done nationally and locally?

"Nationally, the top priority job will be working for a second housing bill—of equal or greater importance to the one already adopted. This is the "middle-income" housing bill which provides direct government aid for the construction of homes for people in the \$2,500 to \$4,000 income bracket. This session of Congress considered the bill (S. 2246, the Sparkman Bill) but decided to shelve it until January. Explanatory material on the bill—which promotes cooperative housing projects—is now being prepared and will be ready by the time Congress meets again.

"Locally, the big job is seeing to it that the Housing Act already adopted actually is put to work in the local community. As we've pointed out before, not a single slum will be cleared, nor a single low-rent housing project built, until the local city council approves. The real estate lobby, defeated nationally, is now going to work locally to defeat the purposes of the new law."

Indiana Caucus Meetings

All delegates, alternates and observers from Indiana chapters at the National Convention are hereby notified that there will be a caucus meeting of the entire Indiana delegation daily at 5:30 p. m. in the room of State Chairman Fred Sondermann.

All Indiana people at the Convention are asked to contact the State Chairman immediately upon arrival at Chicago, and to advise him of their Room Number in the Hotel, so that they can be contacted.

State caucus meetings will serve as a gathering point for the Indiana delegation, with the aim of making our efforts at the Convention as effective as possible. Speakers from various caucuses will be invited to discuss convention issues with the Indiana delegates. Everyone is urged to attend these meetings.

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Section 4.—Nominations And Elections Of Officers

(a) The chairman of the Nominations Committee shall be the Temporary Chairman of the Plenary Session dealing with Election of Officers.

Plenary Session of the Convention.

(g) The District Vice-Chairman shall be elected by a majority vote of chapters in their districts.

(h) In instances not covered by these rules, the Roberts Rules of Order will be the guide of procedure.

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News Releases

For the convenience of Chapter Secretaries and Public Relations Officers we reproduce below forms of publicity releases pertaining to local participation in the national convention which were recently sent to all chapters by the National Office. We wish to point out that similarly worded releases can also be used by all chapters in connection with the forthcoming State Convention.

1. Election Release

FROM: _____ DATE: _____
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
_____ chapter of the American Veterans Committee has designated _____ delegates to represent the chapter at AVC's fourth annual convention over the Thanksgiving Day weekend in Chicago. The delegates are _____

(Names and Addresses)

Alternate convention delegates elected by the _____ chapter include _____

The forthcoming national conclave of the World War II veterans group is expected to draw hundreds of delegates and observers from many sections of the U. S., including a number of nationally known figures. Sessions will open on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, and continue until Sunday, November 27 at Chicago's Congress Hotel.

"The 1949 AVC convention will have its biggest task," according to _____, chairman of the local chapter, "the job of charting a specific AVC course in the year ahead fully in keeping with the young organization's declared program of forward looking veteran activity on a community basis as well as on a national scale."

2. Departure Release

_____ local members of the _____ chapter of the American Veterans Committee, designated by the membership to represent the chapter as delegates to the fourth annual AVC convention at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Thanksgiving Day weekend, will leave for Chicago and the convention.

The delegates are _____

(Names and Addresses)

Alternate convention delegates designated by the chapter and also leaving with the group will be: _____

The AVC national convention sessions will open Thanksgiving Day, November 24 and continue until Sunday, November 27.

According to _____, chairman of the local chapter, the convention will be attended by hundreds of delegates and observers from many sections of the country, as well as by a number of nationally prominent guests.

Public Housing—

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it presented by Jameson was sustained by a vote of 5 to 3. PHA proponents considered this a defeat, inasmuch as several minor points were used as the focal point for the opposition to the PHA. AVC

needs." Member Joseph Wicker, Jr., also offered an explanation for his vote, stating that ever since the legislation allowing a PHA was created in '37, the measure "was intended to provide low cost housing for those who can't afford decent housing and to eradicate slums. I don't believe such a thing can hurt our free

and other groups, nevertheless held a conference at the World War Memorial Friday night, November 4 at which time authorities from other cities in the state having authorities explained the workings of the measure in their city.

At the City Council session on Monday, Council President Christian Emhardt gave his reluctant O. K. to the measure, stating that he objected to "government interference," but that he would vote for the measure "in order to obtain a clear survey of housing

enterprise system."

Public Housing Authorities have been created in 600 cities nationally and a dozen Indiana cities have had one from four to ten years. Creation of a PHA is necessary before federal funds can be used for the construction of low cost housing for low income groups. Duties of the PHA are also to conduct housing surveys and to recommend vast slum clearing programs. Five volunteer members compose the Committee, with an Executive Secre-

tary being the implementing force. Mayor Al Feeney has given no indication to date as to who will compose the Authority locally. He has not signed the measure as yet, but it is assumed he will, inasmuch as the Housing program is in accordance with national Democratic policy.

As has been pointed out in earlier paragraphs, AVC provided the initial push for the PHA, and was the coordinating agency for the excellent support received from the above mentioned agencies. Individuals especially outstanding in the success of the measure were Martin Lerner and Maria Burkette, Housing Chairman for the VFW Auxiliary.

State Council—

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posed NPC \$1.00 assessment on all members for the year 1950. This stand was taken although it was clearly recognized that a great need for funds existed on the National level, but it was based on the consideration that many members would refuse to renew if dues were raised.

Finally, after prolonged discussion, the State Council instructed its Chairman to urge the National Office to take a stand against the hysteria which apparently was brought about by the recent conviction of top Communist leaders, and to see to it that a plank embodying the Council's opinions on this question be embodied in the National Platform at the Chicago Convention.

No formal resolution was passed concerning this issue, the following statement, drawn up by Randy Frakes of Indianapolis No. 1, seems to embody the general opinion of the delegates at the State Council meeting: "We in AVC bitterly resent the hasty action taken by several organizations regarding the findings in the recent conviction of eleven leaders of the Communist Party.

The hysteria generated by a deliberate misinterpretation of the verdict has already assumed alarming proportions.

"It is the responsibility of every individual to examine closely any proposals which will lead to the arrest of citizens because of the political views they hold and advocate. Once having approved of a program of persecutions based on guilt by association or teaching of revolutionary ideas, we will find no stopping place short of the very 'police state' we so vigorously denounce."

State Contacts National

Pursuant to the wish of the State Council, the State Office has written to the National Office, urging action on this issue. Commending the National Office for its forthright stand in connection with the recent, disgraceful Peekskill riots, the State Chairman noted that "the excellent statement by the National Vice-Chairman (on the Peekskill outrage) shows that AVC, in spite of its well-known dislike for the principles of the Communist Party, can forthrightly maintain its traditional defense of Civil Rights for all our citizens."

The communication emphasized that "Needless to say, we have no personal or ideological sympathy with the eleven men who were convicted. But whether we like it or not, we have been placed in a position where we have to take a

clear-cut unequivocal stand. As often before in our history, AVC's may be the only sane voice in a wilderness, but that makes it all the more important that the voice be heard and made effective with all the vigor at our command.

"What we are primarily concerned about," the communication continued, "is the hysteria which is already threatening to engulf us as a result of the New York verdict."

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Report On National Health Insurance

A research report sponsored jointly by the Committee on Research in Medical Economics and the Public Affairs Institute, showing that the nation can well afford the small additional cost of national health insurance, was submitted to Congress today by the Committee for the Nation's Health, which is leading the fight for President Truman's health program. The gross cost of national health insurance was placed at \$5.5 billion, the net cost at \$1.1 billion.

The report, prepared for the Committee on Research in Medical Economics and the Public Affairs Institute was submitted to Chairman Elbert Thomas of the Senate Labor Committee and Robert Crosser of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the two committees considering national health insurance legislation. It was drafted by George Soule, well known student, teacher and writer on economic subjects. He analyzed various estimates of the cost of national health insurance and concluded that the "most reliable" was made by the Social Security Administration in 1945, which, revised for increased prices since that time, places the cost of a national health insurance program at about \$5.5 billion a year.

This estimate was based upon the premise that the present corps of doctors would provide about 25 percent more medical care under national health insurance than at present, by using full time the doctors, chiefly the younger ones, whose time is not now fully occupied.

Soule gave no serious study to the recent estimates by the American Medical Association that the plan might cost up to \$18,000,000,000 a year. He dismissed such estimates with the brief statement that any such cost would mean an average income for doctors of \$80,000 a year.

"Since the number of doctors

cannot be increased on short notice," Soule reported, "the cost of their services during the first year or two after the application of the plan cannot be larger than that estimated by the Social Security Administration unless they are to be paid at higher rates than at present."

Hospital benefits also are limited, Soule continued, "by the number of hospital beds available in each locality."

Revising the 1945 estimates of the Social Security Administration to 1948 prices, Soule estimated the costs of national health insurance as follows:

	(millions of dollars)
Physicians Services	2,459
Hospital Care	1,804
Dental Care	531
Home Nursing	86
Laboratory, medicines, appliances	560
Research and Education	19
Total	5,459
Per Capita	\$ 37.39

Explaining that the actual cost of national health insurance would not be this much, but only the difference between this figure and what we are now paying for such medical care, Soule said:

"Just as the automobile buyer turns in his old car as part payment for his new one, the American people would thus 'exchange' medical service now received for a somewhat larger amount of service. The cost of this larger amount is estimated at \$5.5 billion. Since this is approximately 25 percent greater than the cost of similar services now paid for by the insured, the net money cost would be the difference. This would be 20 percent of \$5.5 billion or \$1.1 billion for one year. This cost arises, solely on account of the additional services which the insurance might immediately provide, because it would enable people to pay who

now cannot afford to do so."

This net cost of \$1.1 billion dollars, Soule said, amounts to less than half of one percent of the \$257.8 billion dollars a year the American people were spending in late 1948. This is the cost the American people must consider, Soule said, in deciding whether or not they want the benefits of national health insurance.

Soule pointed out that his analysis took no account of the possibility that national health insurance might reduce the total of disease and disability and thus pay for itself "many times over." He said "many millions of dollars are spent every year in paying the costs of disease which might have been prevented or lessened by diagnosis and treatment in early stages" and added that "an enormous number of manhours of labor are lost to the nation because of needless disability."

AVC Begins 1951 Fight For FEPC

State Civil Rights Director Dr. Wallace P. Rusterholtz, announced that the organization has already begun its fight for a Fair Employment Practices Law for passage by the 1951 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

At the same time the State Council will exert every effort to aid in the passage of a national Fair Employment Practices Bill during the coming session of the 81st Congress.

There are some indications that such a measure will be pushed strongly by President Truman and Administration supporters, although the rules change in the Senate will make passage more difficult than ever before.

On the State level, FEPC was one of the primary aims of AVC during the past session of the legislature. Since our efforts at that time were unavailing, we are preparing to wage the fight again, even more effectively and—we trust—more successfully next time.

Council and the Church Federation, in an effort to build a united front to fight for passage of this bill.

In these contacts, the State Civil Rights Director, on behalf of the State Council, has offered all of these organizations cooperation and support for a recently-initiated program of voluntary Fair Employment Practices, indicating at the same time, however, that AVC intends to work for a state statute on this subject during the next session of the legislature.

It is considered important that AVC's contact members of the legislature in the home districts to discuss this subject with them, urging favorable action.

A Practical Contribution To Understanding

Portland AVC Documents Its Civil Rights Stand

One of the most constructive types of community activity on the part of an AVC chapter came to our attention in a recent issue of the "New Veteran," the official organ of the Oregon State Council, AVC.

When a Mayor's Committee on Civil Rights in Portland held a hearing in connection with a recommendation for a Civil Rights ordinance in that city, AVC presented one of the outstanding pieces of testimony. Like other organizations, AVC presented a viewpoint. But the real value of the AVC testimony was its documentation of its viewpoint, compiled by a committee of six AVC members.

Portland AVC surveyed the pattern of racial discrimination in in Portland establishments catering to the public, such as restaurants, hotels, theatres, etc.

Each member of the special committee formed for this purpose worked in one or two special fields and through sampling techniques gathered the pattern of discrimination in each field.

public insistence. Rather, it found, resistance to even the suggestion of corrective steps was almost universal in restaurants, hotels and places of entertainment.

It was further documented that several of the amusement parks in the city discriminated against Negroes.

The local AVC chapter held that Racial discrimination, although broad and general in practice, was not a phenomenon native to Portland. This gave point to the conclusion that more citizens objected to discrimination than condoned it.

From where we, in Indiana, sit it seems that this kind of factual, constructive effort is the best kind of community service any AVC chapter can render, and we hope that a growing number of AVC chapters everywhere will emulate Portland's example.

52-20 Fight To Pay Off

AVC's energetic fight for an extension of the Unemployment Compensation Provisions of the G. I. Bill (52-20) waged both on the State and the National level, may shortly have results.

It has been announced that the House Veterans Affairs Committee will hold hearings on this subject, in spite of the previous strenuous opposition on the part of its chairman, Representative Rankin. All chapters are urged to communicate with their Congressman while he is home, to ask him to vote for this measure when it comes up.

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low this session. Two Plenary meetings are planned for Sunday, with the morning session devoted to resolutions and miscellaneous business, and, after a luncheon for the delegates, an early afternoon session at which State Officers for the coming year will be elected.

It is hoped that the Convention can be brought to a close in the early afternoon.

Pre-Convention Rules are printed elsewhere in this issue. All chapters are urged to elect their delegates (one for every five paid-up members or majority fraction thereof) at an early date and to inform the State Office of those elections.

Furthermore, chapters are urged to draw up proposed resolutions, to be submitted to a Pre-Convention Resolutions Committee at the earliest practicable time, in order to assure a smooth conduct of business at the Convention. Finally, chapters are urged to discuss possible candidates for all State Offices for the coming year.

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Constitutional Provisions For The Convention

Below is a reprint of pertinent articles of the Constitution of the Indiana State Council of the American Veterans Committee, dealing with the subject of the State Convention:

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

Section A. A State Convention of the Indiana State Council of the American Veterans Committee shall be held annually. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

all convention arrangements, including ample advance notification and proper representation of each Indiana chapter. Each chapter shall be entitled to one convention delegate to each five members or majority fraction thereof, based on the total number of chapter members whose dues to the State Council are paid prior to 6:00 p. m. the day the Convention opens, providing, however, that each state dues payment be substantiated by a transmittal to the National Office dated previous to that date. The voting strength of the chapters shall likewise be based on paid state dues. The site of each annual convention shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the delegate body of the previous Convention, or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of the annual convention.

ARTICLE VI.

Section A. The officers of the Indiana State Council of AVC shall be a Chairman, Administrative Vice-Chairman, three District Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be officers and voting members of the Executive Committee. There shall also be an Historian, whose duties will be to keep a narrative account of the history and development of the Indiana State Council of the American Veterans Committee. These officers shall be elected annually by the State Convention. The State Officers shall not be included in determining the number of representatives of each chapter on the Executive Committee.

Section B. The Administrative Vice-Chairman must be a member in good standing of a chapter in the city in which the state headquarters is maintained, unless the chairman is elected from that city. All delegates to the Convention shall be entitled to vote for the office of Administrative Vice-Chairman. He shall be the administrative assistant to the Chairman, and in the absence of the Chairman shall act in his administrative capacity. Each Dis-

trict Vice-Chairman shall be a member in good standing in an AVC chapter located within the district for which he is elected. Each District Vice-Chairman shall be elected by Convention delegates from chapters from his district only.

German Teachers Are Guests At AVC Luncheon

Four German teachers visiting this country under the auspices of the Overseas Teachers' Relief Fund were guests at the weekly AVC luncheon in Indianapolis at the Central Y. M. C. A., Tuesday, November 8.

With one of the largest gatherings ever to attend the luncheon on hand, the teachers were exposed to an hour of questions submitted from the floor. Many of the luncheon group were concerned with the lack of democratic concepts existing in Germany and were of the opinion that little was being done to educate the German youth along democratic concepts.

The luncheon, incidentally, has become increasingly successful and is recognized as one of the strong points for AVC activity in Indianapolis. Much of the success has been due to the strong series of programs arranged by Irving Fink, program chairman. Among those to appear to address the weekly gatherings has been Michael Straight, Editor of the New Republic and an AVC member; Nathan Berman, psychologist; a doctor explaining the "middle of the road" approach to national health plans; G. Howard Caughran, local U. S. District Attorney. Future speakers include radio commentators Gilbert Forbes and Frank Edwards. The group meets at 12:15 each Tuesday at the Lincoln Room in the Central Y. M. C. A., New York and Illinois Streets.

Information About Reemployment Rights

Under The Selective Service Act Of 1948

If you leave a position with a private employer or the United States Government to perform active service in the armed forces of the United States, you will be entitled to reemployment rights in the position you are leaving or one of like seniority, status, and pay, provided you meet certain requirements of the Selective Service Act of 1948, such as:

- (1) The position you leave is other than temporary.
- (2) You are honorably discharged from the armed services.
- (3) It is your first enlistment under this act and for a period of not more than 3 years, unless extended by law.
- (4) You apply for reemployment within 90 days after discharge or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of 1 year.
- (5) If a private employer, his circumstances have not so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to rehire you.
- (6) You are still qualified to perform the duties of the position.

If you cannot perform the duties of your position because of disabilities sustained during service in the armed forces but are qualified to perform the duties of any other position, you will be entitled to be restored to such position the duties of which you are qualified to perform and which will provide you with a position of like seniority, status, and pay, or the nearest approximation thereof consistent with the circumstances of the case.

You will also be entitled upon restoration to your former position to full seniority and other benefits offered by your employer in accordance with established rules and practices relating to employees on furlough or leave of absence status; and you may not be discharged from such position without cause within 1 year after restoration.

The Secretary of Labor, through the Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights will aid you in the exercise of your reemploy-

ment rights. This is done in cooperation with other Federal and State agencies and with the assistance of volunteer reemployment rights committeemen. If you have any difficulty in obtaining your former position upon leaving the service, contact your local employment office for information on the proper procedure in exercising your reemployment rights.

The Civil Service Commission is designated the administering agency for ex-servicemen who leave positions in the Federal Government. Employees of State governments or political subdivisions thereof should determine if they have reemployment rights under State statutes.

Notify Your Employer

It is not legally necessary to notify your employer that you are leaving your job to enter the armed forces but it will avoid misunderstandings and facilitate your reemployment if you do so. This can be done through the usual employment procedure or by writing a letter to your employer. If the latter method is used, a statement similar to the following would suffice.

Name and address of employer

I am leaving your employ to enter the armed forces under the Selective Service Act of 1948. It is my understanding that this act provides reemployment rights for servicemen.

Signature, address, and date

If, upon expiration of your period of active duty in the armed forces, you wish to exercise your reemployment rights, be sure to apply for reinstatement within the 90-day period. If you continue

military service as a career or upon discharge do not desire to return to your job, it will be helpful to your employer if you notify him promptly as to your decision.

U. S. Department of Labor
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Muncie Chapter In Full Swing

In spite of a vicious attack on the AVC on the part of a well-known Muncie hate-sheet, the Muncie Chapter has already swung into the kind of action which spells success.

The first community issue which this newest branch of our organization is going to tackle is the Muncie taxi cab situation.

Recently new meters were installed in these cabs, which are now charging exorbitant rates. According to an unofficial estimate, cab fares have gone up as much as thirty percent. Chapter Chairman Carter appointed a five-man investigating committee to present the chapter with a concrete plan on how to face this problem.

An invitation was also extended to the State Chairman to attend the meeting of the Muncie Chapter, to speak on the inner workings of AVC. Due to the press of other business, the State Chairman regrettably had to decline this invitation, but sent instead a three-page memorandum, outlining the relationship of the various echelons of AVC to one another, with special emphasis on chapter authority and freedom of action.

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Bloomington Active In Rent Control Fight

When the Bloomington City Council met October 18th to decide the future of Rent Controls in that community, the local AVC chapter was on hand to fight for continued controls. At a meeting held the previous night, the following resolution had been passed:

Whereas, a serious housing shortage still exists in the City of Bloomington, making it difficult for its residents to secure adequate living accommodations at prices they can afford to pay, and

Whereas, This situation particularly affects students of Indiana University, who comprise a large percentage of the Bloomington population, and a complete lifting of all controls at the present time might well have the effect of making it financially difficult, and in some cases impossible, for students at the University to continue their studies in Bloomington, **Now Therefore**

Be It Resolved, that the Indiana University Chapter of the American Veterans Committee urge the City Council to maintain Rent Controls in Bloomington until such time as the supply of housing and the demand for housing in this city are in approximate balance."

The AVC Resolution was laid before the City Council and ably advocated by Dr. McPherson of the Bureau of Government Research at Indiana University, a member of the local chapter. Labor Union officials and representatives of the Progressive Party also spoke in favor of continued controls.

However, the City Council moved to request a lifting of Rent Controls effective February 1st. This request has to be approved by the Governor before it can become effective.

The local AVC chapter has taken

its fight right to the Governor's office. In a detailed exposition, drafted by the State Chairman, it has urged Governor Schriker to disallow the request of the Bloomington City Council, just as he disallowed a similar request on the part of the Lafayette Council.

A petition drive on the campus, urging rejection of the request is also in full swing and plans are being made, in cooperation with local Labor Unions, to pursue this issue so that the Governor will reject the City Council Resolution.

The AVC has submitted evidence that a tremendous housing shortage exists in Bloomington, and that if rent controls are removed, a number of students will no longer be able to continue their schooling. It told the Governor that:

"The only thing which now stands between a majority of Bloomington citizens and students and tremendous financial hardships is your power to withhold your approval from the City Council Resolution. . . We urge you to make a decision which will make it possible for Bloomington citizens to maintain a decent standard of living, and for I. U. students to complete their education at this institution."

The Governor has indicated that he will give the AVC testimony his every consideration in deciding on the action he will take.

Cooperation between the State and Chapter Chairman on the one hand and the Bloomington Federation of Labor on the other has been encouragingly close and cor-

AVC Congratulates The CIO

On the occasion of the CIO State Convention, the following letter was dispatched to Mr. Neal Edwards, President of the Indiana Congress of Industrial Organizations:

"My dear Mr. Edwards:

"It is a real pleasure to extend our cordial greetings and good wishes to the Indiana State Industrial Union Council and its members on the occasion of its Annual Convention.

"We in the American Veterans Committee know from experience that your organization is not only one of our staunchest friends, but is also the foremost exponent of Liberalism in America today. We salute the great achievements of the CIO in assuring a higher standard of living not only for its members, but for all Americans, making it possible for millions of our people to live in decent self-respect, and with an increased sense of security worthy of the American tradition.

"Because your policies and your program are designed to meet the needs of the American people, we in AVC, as members of the only veterans organization with a record of cooperation with the American Labor Union movement, are proud to stand and fight and march forward by your side.

"I want to bear testimony at this time to the close cooperation which has prevailed between your organization and ours. This cooperation was never more evident than during the last session of the State Legislature, when AVC and the CIO promoted practically identical on this issue.

In addition, in letters to the editor and personal interviews with several City officials and bigwigs, Chapter Chairman Ward has ably and correctly pointed

Review Of AVC Legislative Techniques

Some time ago, the State Chairman was asked to speak before a biennial meeting of the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council on the techniques employed by AVC during the last session of the State Legislature, and the lessons learned by this organization.

The techniques of legislative activity employed by AVC during the last session of the legislature included: general mailings to all lists; personal letters, phone calls, and telegrams, particularly to legislators; continuous personal contact by volunteer AVC lobby-

tical aims. We were successful in some respects, and in 1951—again fighting together—we will be successful in even more fields.

"On the national as well as on the State level, the AVC-CIO cooperation has meant a great deal to all of us, has been effective, salutary, and mutually advantageous. The only gap still remaining in this pattern of cooperation is on the local level, where AVC-CIO efforts must be integrated even more.

"To the achievement of this aim, we in AVC are dedicated.

"I ask you to express to the delegates at your Convention the warmest good wishes which we in the American Veterans Committee have for the continued success and growth of one of the greatest organizations of our time."

Cordially,
Fred A. Sondermann
State Chairman
American Veterans Committee

Dickerson Elected Chairman At South Bend

In a recent chapter election, Roland Dickerson, well-known to his fellow-AVC'ers throughout the state for his long and devoted service to the organization, was elected to head the revitalized South Bend AVC Chapter.

At the same meeting, Marvin Tishcoff was elected to represent the Chapter at the National Convention in Chicago.

"doubtful" members of the legislature and some of its committees; testimony before appropriate committees; letters to representatives and Senators from constituents in their home districts; a "letter to the editor" campaign on certain issues; and, finally, personal contact with Governor Schriker.

The lessons which AVC learned from our experience with the 86th General Assembly, and which we hope to apply in 1951, are as follows:

1. We will continue to stick to a few specific objectives. It would be most inadvisable to spread our efforts too thin.

2. We plan to contact legislators in various areas of the State from time to time, and to present them with facts and figures on specific issues in which we are interested.

3. We will increasingly plan our programs along with members of the legislature who share our point of view.

4. We plan to talk to all candidates before they are elected.

On the problem of improving the liaison between the various organizations interested in the same general program as AVC is, the State Chairman made the following suggestions:

1. It is not too early even now to plan precisely which issues we wish to stress during the next session of the legislature.

2. Starting at least a half year before elections, all organizations interested should undertake a canvass of candidates on the issues of concern to us.

3. The various organizations should furnish one another with names and addresses of local

leaders, so that local groups will know whom to contact to devise local plans.

4. A continuous educative process should be carried on, not only in terms of public relations, but also in terms of our own membership. After we have determined the three or four major issues of concern to us, we must educate our membership in all details of these issues.

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Proof Positive: AVC Run From The Bottom Up

When the Pre-Convention Rules for the National Convention were first published, our State Chairman took issue with the rule that provided that each chapter was to be represented by only one delegate for every 25 members. Letters were written to the National Office and to various NPC members, urging the people of the top-echelon to liberalize these provisions, to allow for a more generous representation.

Sure enough, at its recent Boston meeting, the National Planning Committee, in conformance with the wishes of one AVC member, liberalized the rules, allowing for one delegate for every 15 members or majority fraction thereof. We re-print excerpts from an exchange of letters following this action of the highest governing body of AVC:

The State Chairman to the National Vice-Chairman: "... To say that I am very gratified about the whole thing is putting it mildly. I just want to tell you that if ever someone tries to tell you that this is **NOT** an organization run by the membership, I want you to refer him to me. The whole issue, to me, is a striking example of the thing I've been saying over and over: that AVC is run from the bottom up, that the individual member can assert himself and make himself effective."

The National Vice-Chairman to the State Chairman: "... I can't tell you how gratified I am, and I am sure I speak for Gil, too, by your readiness to serve as a reference to those who mistakenly claim that AVC is **NOT** run by its membership."

For that matter, neither Gil nor I could readily find words to express how helpful it has been to know that the Indiana State Chairman was 100 percent ready and eager to cooperate with the national officers, perhaps even more important, told us when our performance or our plans were poor or less than good in his judgment, instead of telling everybody but us."

Fund Raising Suggestions For AVC Chapters

The best way to raise money is to ask people for money. Such requests may be made in a number of ways:

1. **Social and Recreational Affairs**, i. e. chapter dances, parties, picnics, potluck suppers, excursions, etc. At large dances don't forget the revenue that comes from refreshments and the hat check stand. Dances can be profitable. Keep expenses down and ticket sales up.

2. **Raffles**—either merchandise bought or donated by merchants, or of cash. A record must be kept of the numbers of tickets distributed.

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Fifth Annual State Convention Coming Up January 7-8

State Convention Checklist For Chapter Chairmen And Delegates

1. ACCREDITATION

- At your earliest opportunity, submit to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee the names of delegates your chapter elected, and the order of their election (i. e. votes received).
- Inform Chairman of Credentials Committee of the number of votes claimed by your chapter, based on number of members paid up. Be prepared to substantiate that claim by records (membership list, etc.)
- Chairman of the Credentials Committee is George E. Winder, 602 E. Randolph, Plymouth, Indiana.
- It will save all of us much trouble and headache if you can get this straightened out before the Convention. So get in your reports right away.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS

- All delegates will be housed at the English Hotel, corner Meridian

and Michigan Streets, Indianapolis.

- Prices are \$1.50 for three persons to a room, \$2.00 per person for two persons to a room (with bath). Specify type of accommodation desired.
- Write to R. G. Fritzmeier, 507 Lemcke Building, Indianapolis, for reservations.

3. BANQUET

- The Banquet will be held at the Golden Gate Restaurant in the English Hotel. A T-Bone Steak Dinner will be served at the special price of \$1.50.
- Notify R. G. Fritzmeier (address above) how many reservations for this dinner you wish to make.

4. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Each chapter is entitled to one delegate each to the Nominations, Constitutional Revisions, and Resolutions Committees.
- Due to the tight time-schedule on which this convention is to operate, it is essential that Committee work be concluded on Saturday afternoon. This can only be done with full participation on the part of all chapters.
- Be sure that one representative of your chapter be present at Committee deliberations at the time and place indicated in the Convention Schedule.
- Submit all preliminary suggestions you may have, as follows:
 - On Constitutional Revisions: Elmer Ward, 307 E. 2nd Street, Bloomington, Ind.
 - On Nominations: Roland Dickerson, 1023 Talbot St., South Bend, Indiana.
 - On Resolutions: Wallace P. Rusterholtz, 336 W. Hampton Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It will help all concerned very much if you will get all possible suggestions in ahead of Convention time. That way, they will receive the attention they deserve.

AVC Honors

Murray And Robb

The following resolution was introduced at a Plenary Session of the National Convention by State Chairman Sondermann, jointly with Regional Chairman Larner, and was passed unanimously by the delegate body:

The American Veterans Committee, in Convention assembled, gratefully acknowledges the aid, encouragement, and assistance given to this organization by the United Steelworkers of America, and especially its President, Philip Murray, and the Director of District No. 30, James Robb, of Indianapolis.

Recognizing that the existence of a liberal, aggressive veterans organization is essential to the welfare of labor and the American

people, Mr. Murray and Mr. Robb have made available to the American Veterans Committee the services of Richard F. Fritzmeier as a full-time organizer for AVC. In addition they have given us the benefit of their complete cooperation in the pursuit of our common objectives, both nationally, and in the State of Indiana.

Bloomington Elects Delegates

Following a report on the National Convention by its delegate, J. Arnold Feldman, the Bloomington chapter elected the following delegates to the forthcoming State Convention:

J. Arnold Feldman, Mel Pierce, Elmer Ward, Sol Weinstock, Hansel Hall, Roy Brooks, Jessie Coppage.

To Its
Many Members
and Friends,
The Indiana
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Merry Christmas
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As we go to press, final preparations are being made for the Fifth Annual State Convention of Indiana AVC. Coming back to the scene of its second Convention, this meeting will take place in Indianapolis, the first week-end in January.

In order to enable the maximum number of AVC'ers and friends to attend, plans have been made to condense the Convention as much as possible, to do away with Saturday morning meetings (when many of our members are working), and to get through with all business by noon on Sunday.

Meetings are scheduled to start at 2:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon. The United Steelworkers of America have placed their office facilities at AVC's disposal. Registration of Delegates, and meetings of the basic Convention Committees

place at the Golden Gate Restaurant in the Hotel English Building on Meridian and Michigan Streets. It is hoped that a maximum number of members and friends (whether or not they are official delegates) will attend this banquet. A T-bone Steak dinner will be served at a very low price (\$1.50 per person), and an outstanding guest-speaker will be present.

will take place at the USA headquarters at 507 Lemcke Building, corner of Pennsylvania and Market Streets.

At 5:30 p. m. the Convention Banquet will be held. Present plans call for this banquet to take

The National Vice-Chairman, Prof. Bob Ming of Chicago, has been invited to deliver the keynote address at the First Plenary Session at 7:30 p. m. Saturday night at the World War Memorial East
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STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM

Saturday, January 7, 1950 and Sunday, January 8, 1950

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
SATURDAY		
2:00 P. M.— 6:00 P. M.	Registration of Delegates	507 Lemcke Building (Steelworkers District Office)
2:00 P. M.— 5:00 P. M.	Committee Meetings	507 Lemcke Building
	Constitutional Revisions Committee (Elmer Ward, Chairman)	507 Lemcke Building
	Nominations Committee (Roland Dickerson, Chairman)	507 Lemcke Building
	Credentials Committee (George Winder, Chairman) (Randy Frakes, Member) (James Carter, Member)	507 Lemcke Building
	Resolutions Committee (Wallace P. Rusterholtz, Chairman)	507 Lemcke Building
5:30 P. M.— 7:30 P. M.	Banquet (T-Bone Steak Dinner) \$1.50 per plate Guest Speaker	Golden Gate Restaurant Hotel English Building Meridian and Michigan Sts.
7:30 P. M.—11:00 P. M.	FIRST PLENARY SESSION Invocation Report of Credentials Committee Adoption of Rules Keynote Speech Reports of State Officers Report of Constitutional Amendments Committee Voting on Constitutional Amendments Report of Resolutions Committee Voting on Resolutions	East Room World War Memorial Meridian and Michigan Sts.
SUNDAY		
10:00 A. M.—12:00 Noon	SECOND PLENARY SESSION Invocation Report of Nominations Committee Election of New Officers Unfinished Business Miscellaneous Business Adjournment	East Room World War Memorial

NOTE: In the event that it is impossible to take care of all business during the Sunday Morning Session, it may be necessary to call a short Sunday afternoon session.

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Again We Meet

Whoever it was who said that the first five years are the hardest must have had a prophetic vision of AVC.

On January 7th and 8th, Indiana AVC will meet again—for its Fifth Annual Convention. The four years behind us have been long, hard and difficult. They have been full of work, full of both disappointments and accomplishments.

The sum-total of our efforts and achievements has been impressive. Most impressive of all is the fact that in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds, we have established ourselves firmly. We are here. We are here to stay. AVC has proven that it is not a temporary phenomenon, but a lasting institution, with firm roots and firmer purposes.

The task which will confront us at our Convention is to build a realistic program for the coming year, geared closely to our potentialities. That program demands, first of all, a core of devoted members. Of that core, we can be certain. It demands, secondly, effective activity and efficiency on the chapter-level where is much room for improvement.

It demands, finally, a State Organization capable of representing and advancing AVC's views and purposes at every possible opportunity. Here, too, we can make improvements. It is to this third task—that of enabling the State Organization to fulfil its functions properly—that the Convention must and will address its primary attention.

At the same time, however, the Convention delegates would be greatly remiss in their duty were they not to utilize the opportunity of contact and comradeship provided by the Convention in order to lay definite and precise plans for chapter activity and growth in their own communities.

Our Fifth Annual State Convention will not be an apologetic meeting. During a period when every veterans organization (including AVC on a nation-wide scale) has suffered heavier losses in membership than any one of them would care to admit, Indiana AVC—small though it may be—has not only maintained its strength, but has grown in new communities. While our achievements have fallen far short of our fond hopes, they have been above our realistic expectations.

In planning our course for 1950, we do not retreat from our principles nor from our purposes. We are not content to stand still and rest on the laurels of our accomplishments. We look to the future with confidence and hope.

In looking toward the future, we always bear in mind what our first National Chairman, Charles Bolte, said at Des Moines, when he told AVC'ers that it was peculiar to the dream of AVC that it would never be realized completely.

"That dream," he said, "is that out of the horror and boredom of the greatest war there should come a new comradeship, transcending all the barriers that separate Americans from each other, striving to achieve a more democratic and prosperous America and a more stable world."

Obviously there can be no standing still in AVC as we go toward the realization of this dream. Over every ridge will be another ridge, and another beyond. This will be the dynamic future of our organization, as it has been its dynamic past."

January 7th and 8th will be days of pleasure and comradeship. They will be days of hard work for the future of our organization. Above all, they will be days of rededication to AVC's beliefs and principles.

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A practically unanimous Indiana delegation to the National Convention was among the first delegations to throw its support behind the drive to draft Michael Straight as National Chairman. A resolution to this effect was adopted by an Indiana State Caucus on Friday evening. The resolution read as follows:

"The Indiana Delegation on conference assembled unanimously adopted the following resolution and voted it sent to the I. P. Caucus of AVC and to Mr. Michael Straight:

"Whereas in all probability the enabling amendment allowing the elected officers to serve without salary and full expenditure of time will be passed, and whereas a strong and qualified man is needed for the job of carrying on and building up AVC,

"Be it therefore resolved that every possible effort be made to draft Michael Straight as a nominee for National Chairman and work diligently for his election."

This resolution was drafted and submitted by Sanford Ramsey of Indianapolis No. 1 and was signed by eleven Indiana Delegates.

NSLI Refunds . . . Remember AVC

(Note: The following is taken from the Newsletter of the Ann Arbor Chapter, AVC.)

"All of us will be getting a pleasant visit from the postman when the NSLI refunds are mailed out during the first months of 1950. It has occurred to many persons in AVC that this will be an excellent time for the membership to remember what AVC has done for what they believe in, and that AVC dues in the past years amounted to only about one-third of the total money which was needed to carry out this program. AVC is now sol-

vent, and with money in hand for a vigorous program during the coming year only because of the gifts of non-member friends of AVC, particularly Mrs. Blaine of Chicago.

"The most tangible way for AVC members to show their appreciation of the faith which these friends put in our efforts would be to try to match their contributions. Every AVC member is urged to pledge some percentage of his NSLI refund as a donation to AVC. This money would be used for both the local and national programs of AVC."

(Note: This idea has already taken hold in Indiana, too, and all of the Indiana delegates to the Chicago Convention pledged varying percentages of their NSLI dividends to the organization. How about every one of us making this most tangible act of faith in the future of AVC and the things for which it stands.)

Indiana AVC Welcomes New National Leaders

In letters to the newly-elected national officers of AVC, the Indiana State Council extended a warm welcome and pledge of complete cooperation to our new leaders.

Writing to Michael Straight, the Indiana Chairman wrote that "AVC—or for that matter any liberal organization—couldn't have done better than to choose you. At Chicago we have been given another chance. Under your leadership, I trust that we will make the most of it."

Writing to the new Vice-Chairman, the Indiana official said that "We in Indiana are glad to have a Vice-Chairman from neighboring Illinois, and we hope that we will have many opportunities to get together with you."

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The Pro's And Con's Of Proportional Representation . .

The Case Against P. R.

By Fred A. Sondermann

Let it be admitted at the outset that there are some attractive arguments for Proportional Representation, and that in some instances, such as in the elections of City Councils and in multiple-member constituencies, this method may be preferable to election by majority vote. When we look below the surface of the pro-Proportional Representation arguments, however, we find that the method is not suitable in all instances. AVC'ers are used to looking below the surface of seemingly attractive propositions (see our stand on pensions and bonuses) and they are capable of making fine distinctions. The case against Proportional Representation in AVC is based on the consideration that 1. It is unnecessary, 2. It is impractical, 3. It is deceptive, and 4. It is potentially harmful to the best interests of our organization.

Proportional Representation is unnecessary for AVC because, in a real sense, we already have a system which assures minority representation on NPC. To be sure, not all minorities are represented at all times, nor are they represented in exact mathematical proportion to their strength. I submit, however, that as long as a group is in the minority, it does not make too much difference whether it has 1, 2, or 5 representatives on the NPC. There has been no time when NPC has been without able proponents of minority views. If a minority in AVC is large enough to command considerable strength, it can usually elect at least one, and probably more, of its members as Regional Chairmen, with seats on the NPC. It can always decisively influence the nomination and election of candidates favorable to its general point of view.

Moreover, the present majority group in AVC is not the tightly disciplined and united body which its opponents make it out to be.

It represents many shades of opinion on all issues. Majority groups on NPC have seldom, if ever, voted unanimously on any major issue. This is entirely as it should be. Proportional Representation would alter all this. It would place a premium on discord. It would make possible the election of representatives of splinter groups, with personal axes to grind, who would introduce a constant element of delay and disagreement into the operations of our governing body. It would tend to harden group discipline, so that representatives of any group would no longer be independent agents, but would become mere puppets for the registration of the point of view of their special interest group.

With Proportional Representation, our present caucus system will ever be with us, while ideally we should look forward to its speedy abolishment (and would have been able to bury it at this last Convention, had it not been for the Proportional Representation issue). What proponents of Proportional Representation fail to see is that one can have disagreement on issues without dividing into factions. I know from personal experience that it is not necessary to be a "party wheelhorse," or to sacrifice one's honesty and integrity to remain acceptable to a majority group. To disagree frequently and decisively within the IP caucus is not only possible, but very often effective and productive. But, on the other hand, to make group ratification and adherence to every single personal preference of all of its members the sine qua non of participation and support is like saying, "If you won't play with me in my way, I'll take my toys and go home." That attitude isn't—and shouldn't be—a practicable policy in any organization.

Proportional Representation is impractical for AVC. There is a maximum number of people who can meaningfully be elected by a Proportional Representation system. This number has at various times been estimated as ranging between 5 and 7. It has been demonstrated conclusively that it is impossible to register an

intelligent vote under a Proportional Representation system if more than 7 people are to be elected. It is difficult enough to select from among a large list of candidates the people whom you want to place among your first, second, or third choices. It is difficult to make the distinction between the third and fourth, the fifth and sixth best man. It is utterly impossible to make an intelligent distinction between thirteenth and fourteenth place candidates.

Proportional Representation is deceiving in the election for members at-large of the National Planning Committee, because under this system each delegate can, in the final analysis, cast only one vote, for only one of the candidates. Yet there are 15 people to be elected, and a delegate should be able to cast a positive vote for all of his 15 choices. Yet, under Proportional Representation, only one of his votes will count. The worst of it is that he doesn't even know whether it is his first, second, third, seventh, or conceivably eleventh vote that is going to count. To say that under such conditions one can cast an intelligent ballot is a bad case of self-deception. When out of 15 votes cast, only one is counted, how is it possible to judge a person's views as expressed by his ballot? Delegates to AVC Conventions are capable of thinking and voting intelligently. Proportional Representation thwarts their efforts in that direction.

The element of chance enters to a considerable degree into Proportional Representation elections. When surplus votes of a candidate who has more than his quota are transferred, it is completely a matter of chance which ones of his surplus votes will be counted and to which additional candidate they will be applied. It is a well-known (but little publicized) fact that recounts of votes, with a "shuffled deck" under Proportional Representation very frequently record different results than the original count did. I may be old-fashioned, but to my mind there's something wrong with a system of voting which yields different results every time you count the ballots.

It is said that every one can make his vote count under Proportional Representation. But the truth of the matter is that under Proportional Representation very few, if any, people know how their vote is counted and which candidate they have helped elect. Who, of the Indiana delegates to the Chicago Convention, knows for whom his vote was counted? The answer is that no one can be sure.

Finally, Proportional Representation is potentially harmful for AVC, not only because it would give extremist groups, which have nothing in common with the aims of this organization (and who can always be depended upon to muster the one-sixteenth of the total vote required to elect a man under Proportional Representation) an opportunity to hurt us from responsible positions within AVC. Equally dangerous, to my mind, is the certainty that, on the one hand, a large part of AVC's strength would be frittered away in splinter groups, without central aim, without cohesion, balance, and general direction, which may rise to such strength or number as to make effective majority administration all but impossible. In this connection, it must also be said that Proportional Representation often means not proportionate but disproportionate representation. Minority groups, under this system, frequently wield an influence out

Following a mandate by the Chicago National Convention, the new National Planning Committee, in one of its first acts, voted to hold a referendum on the issue whether or not AVC should retain the system of voting by Proportional Representation for the election of 15 members-at-large of the National Planning Committee.

At previous Conventions, these members-at-large had been elected by majority vote. At the Chicago Convention, following a contested vote of the preceding Cleveland Convention, Proportional Representation was used for the first time.

This is an issue on which there is—and can be—much honest difference of opinion. That even the best of friends can disagree on the issue is shown in the two articles below, written by two prominent AVC'ers of our State.

The argument for a retention of Proportional Representation is made by Fred A. Sondermann, present State Chairman.

Regardless of their feeling on this issue, all Indiana AVC'ers are urged to participate in the democratic process by casting their vote for or against Proportional Representation when the referendum is held. The Veterans'

Voice invites further comments and contributions on this issue.

of all proportion to their true strength. They can strike bargains, extract concessions, sell their support to the highest bidder. I am not trying to say that this would inevitably happen in AVC. But I am trying to indicate just a few of the potentialities of the system in a group such as ours.

To argue that the number of caucuses, factions, and groups within AVC would not increase drastically under a Proportional Representation system is pure semantics, unsubstantiated by any experience in any case in which Proportional Representation has been introduced into a differentiated group situation, such as obtains in AVC. Finally, there is the practical certainty that the remaining caucuses, after the splintering off of the various special interest groups, would, in order to maintain themselves, have to be rigidly organized and centrally directed. None of these developments would be in the best interest of AVC.

The question which AVC'ers must decide is this: Is it the primary function of our NPC to represent, in mathematically exact proportions, every shade of opinion within AVC, or is it its primary function efficiently to administer the affairs of the organization in the manner prescribed by the majority vote of AVC's highest governing body: its Convention? Effective administration is jeopardized, and (given AVC's particularistic tendencies) probably impossible under a Proportional Representation system. Since, under our majority-vote system, we have always had minority representation, it seems to me that our urgent need is to re-establish a system which will be sure to enable the NPC to administer the affairs of the organization effectively and coherently.

We have groups of all kinds, divisions of every character in AVC. Our ability to maintain the

The Case For P. R.

By J. Arnold Feldman

AVC, meaning the members of AVC, are once again faced with the task, and for some members the dilemma, of choosing one of two systems for the election of members-at-large to the National Planning Committee. One system is the straight PARTY vote, the other the Hare System of Proportional Representation.

First of all, let me explain what the Hare System is, in effect, by example. Suppose instead of casting ballots you were to line up in back of the person you wanted elected. You would first line up behind the person you thought best for the job (your choice under Proportional Representation). If you found that he had enough votes to be elected, you would then line up behind your second choice and so on. When this process is completed, most of those to be elected will have been. Then, if your first choice is not elected, and at this point has the least amount of votes, you would then move behind your second choice. This assures you that your vote will count, and almost invariably it will count for one of your first two or three choices. This in effect is what the Hare System does, but by ballot instead of physically lining up behind your choice.

I stated in the first paragraph that the raising of this issue brings some AVC members face to face with a dilemma. That dilemma is being for Proportional Representation in principle, being for Proportional Representation outside of AVC, but being against it in AVC. Their arguments are many and varied. In a moment I shall attempt to answer the most serious of these.

Before answering the arguments of the "yes but—" people, let us see why their opposition to Proportional Representation developed. The answer is plain and simple. These people were justly concerned

with keeping people off of NPC who were out to destroy AVC. By their own admission, however, that threat no longer exists. One of the common arguments against Proportional Representation in AVC is that NPC is an administrative body, not a decision-making body. By electing all the members-at-large from the majority caucus, you get good sound administration. I want to challenge both of these assumptions. As far as the latter goes, it just "ain't necessarily so." The former does not seem very formidable either. We in AVC just changed our constitution so that we now have a national executive-secretary. The people against Proportional Representation and for the constitutional amendment I just mentioned, argued that the executive-secretary will be nothing but an administrator, the policy will still be determined by the membership, and WHAT PART OF OUR PLATFORM WILL BE PUSHED WILL STILL DEPEND ON THE DECISION OF NPC AND THE NATIONAL OFFICERS. Also, NPC only meets four to five times a year. Who will seriously contend that a group that so meets is administrative in nature? If they are an administrative group, which they aren't we might as well throw up our hands.

Another argument against Proportional Representation is that it will give rise to splinter groups, "highly disciplined" among other things, and that AVC's only major caucus, IP, is not a disciplined group. At that, those who attended the Indiana caucus will, I think, agree, I am entitled to a big guffaw. In order to be elected under the straight majority PARTY system you obviously have to "belong" to such a party. Under Proportional Representation, if you have done enough work and demonstrated your ability, you wouldn't have to sell yourself to a party line. I could never be a member of NPC under the straight PARTY system, because, as told to the Indiana caucus by our leading IP'er, I haven't always followed the party line. I have been guilty of deviation, mostly because I am in favor of Proportional Representation. So with Bernie Bellush, a former IP member of NPC, he deviated (also for PR).

Still other arguments include: 1. Proportional Representation is okay when only four or five, maybe seven, are to be elected, but never more. 2. Your vote only counts for one person instead of possibly for all (or none). And 3. Chance, if you shuffle the deck, it sometimes comes out differently. While all of these arguments are used by the same people, there is obvious inconsistency. If you can't vote for more than five to seven people intelligently, how can you vote for fifteen people intelligently? Many of those in favor of Proportional Representation outside of AVC, but against it in AVC, use argument No. 1. Yet these same people, including leading IP'er, Gus Tyler, fought for Proportional Representation for the New York City Council elections. NPC members-at-large number fifteen, New York City Council members from twenty-five on up! It is true that when you "shuffle the deck" the cards may not come out the same. While that is so in some instances, it is only so for the last one or two elected. The most popular are assured of election, the least of not being elected. That is still better than assuring the election of a few party wheel-horses under the PARTY system because of their services to the party and not AVC.

In summary: Proportional Representation permits you: to vote by preference, so that your votes for prior choices are given more weight than the person you vote for "just to vote for fifteen." Your vote will almost undoubtedly count for one of your first three choices. Your vote is certain to count. People can be elected to NPC who have worked hard and exhibited ability, but under a straight PARTY vote can not be elected because at one point or another they honestly disagreed with the party line of the majority party, and chose to stay honest.

New Recruiting Pamphlet Out

A wonderful new recruiting pamphlet, entitled "AVC Is New" has just been issued by the National Office. Delegates at the Chicago Convention got the first look at this new aid in soliciting members.

The State Office has made arrangements that all chapters will be sent an adequate supply of these pamphlets, and it is urged that Chapter Chairmen and Membership Chairmen make the best possible use of this literature.

loyalty of members of so many varying opinions is testimony to the efficacy of a system of administration based on a modified majority vote, under which we have hitherto operated. Proportional Representation would invite every one of the many actual and potential groups in AVC to harden and intensify their differences. It would substitute an annual census for the kind of consensus which we so urgently need. A wise election system would invite those groups to forget their distracting differences, while concentrating on the task of selecting the kind of men who would look after the interests which we all have in common and which demand united effort now more than ever before.

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Yes, Christmas in the American way is a glorious occasion and the hopes and prayers on everyone's lips is that it will always remain that way; that the entire world, some day will follow the words of the greatest teacher of all time and whose birth is Celebrated on Christmas Day . . . ON EARTH, PEACE . . . GOOD WILL TO MAN.

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Harrison's Convention Report

The following are excerpts from the Annual Report delivered by Albert A. Harrison to the delegates at the Fourth Annual Convention of the American Veterans Committee:

When we met in 1946 at our founding convention, we had only recently been released from some uncomfortable years in uniform. Most of us looked forward confidently to lasting peace assured through collaboration of friendly allies united by an air-age, a rising standard of living as quickly advancing new technology, including atomic energy, was exploited for the well-being of all, a brotherhood from which none was excluded because of color or faith. 1946 was the birth year of the United Nations and of AVC, and we then anticipated a million AVC members. In the privacy of this convention we can admit that fewer than that have been enlisted.

But if AVC has not come up to our 1946 expectations, the hopes at the heart of AVC have fared worse. Our aims were and are political and intellectual freedom, economic security, and the settlement of internal and international disputes without war. In the past three and a half years the chasm which divides the desired from the real has widened. Independence of thought and expression is today more suspect than prized. Political leadership shows signs of paralysis induced by fear and ignorance. The necessity for closer and continuing unity among free nations in joint economic efforts is inadequately appreciated. Dictatorships have not disappeared, but have extended their power. Wars are being fought and there is danger of larger wars to come. AVC did not require a heroic act of faith in '46. It does now.

We have not stayed in business this year only to pay debts, bill members, or economize on staff. There was program. The impressive state legislative work done in Massachusetts, Illinois, Connecticut, Oregon, Washington and elsewhere are case histories in how to get results. The truism that AVC program originates in the re-

We testified and won on increased benefits for disabled veterans and widows and orphans of men who died in service, Military Assistance Program, housing for veterans suffering from paraplegia, North Atlantic Defense Treaty, Rankin Pension Bill, Minimum Wage, Economic Cooperation Act appropriations, Uniform Code of Military Justice, the general housing bill, the middle-income housing bill, and rent control.

Then there was our mandate to keep Communists out of AVC and get rid of any who might be in. If there are today any known Communists in AVC, they are not known to the national leadership. If we have learned anything in AVC, it is that cooperation presumes common objectives held by reasonably honest men and that the objectives and methods of AVC are incompatible with those of the Communist Party.

What may turn out to be the most promising and exciting event of the year has been left to the last. Two weeks ago . . . I was the guest . . . of pro-democratic . . . French and Belgian veterans organizations . . . After four years

of talking to ourselves about the value of an international association of democratically-minded veterans, we have taken a practical step toward its creation . . . As the only representative of an American veterans organization present, of greatest interest to me were the special meetings with the leaders of the European veteran groups. Until then, we had not known of the existence of liberal veterans associations outside our country. They are there, we know who they are, and out of our meeting came the agreement to prepare now for a world conference of veterans in Paris in the summer of 1950.

These European veteran leaders are experienced. Although reflecting several shades of color in the political spectrum, they shared the single purpose of maintaining peace without the loss of liberty. They represented what there is of the "vital center"—neither Communist nor content with things as they are. They share AVC's interest in political action, they are closer to the abyss than we—veterans of more than military combat. They do not intend to be dictated to either by the Soviet Union or the United States, but they are anxious to meet and work with like-minded veterans here, and in Britain, Australia, Africa, New Zealand, Canada, Brazil and elsewhere.

We have, for the first time, reached beyond our borders and met allies. The leaders of AVC in 1950 will have a new area of activity and responsibility.

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sourcefulness of our members was expressed in hundreds of local projects. . . New clubhouses were opened, Civil Rights audits were made of communities, scholarships were provided foreign students and chapters aided Europe's needy.

In Washington we discovered that there are too many Byrds in Congress, but we worked with what we had, Byrds and all. We didn't get a Congressional Charter. We didn't think we would since, for all practical purposes, unanimous consent of both houses is required. We didn't get the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act or as much extension of social security coverage as we advocated in our testimony. But we didn't get the Rankin Pension Bill either. Nor the original \$125 billion monstrosity nor its less damaging substitute. And that was AVC's outstanding contribution to sound public policy this year, a contribution for which Mr. Rankin and the professional veterans will be eternally ungrateful. . . For the first time in Congressional history, a veterans benefit bill was killed on a roll call vote in the House . . . When the vote was over, the departing spokesman for another veterans organization was heard to say "AVC won this one." It was deserved recognition.

In all, we presented testimony before the Congress on over 30 occasions since January. In each instance our views derived from our platforms. On two important housing bills our success was the finale to three years of hard work. . . The box-score on our legislative tries ought to show more runs, but it is not a bad score. We testified without obtaining immediate results on world federation through U. N.; limitation of super-seniority for veterans in the public service; extension of 52-20; the national health insurance program; repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law; cut-back in veterans' hospital construction program; and the same cut-back as it affects California.

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The following prominent AVC-ers were elected to the posts of Regional Chairmen at the Chicago Convention:

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Mid-Atlantic: Dr. Joseph MacLean, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Princeton, University.

Southeast: William Paulig, Tampa, Florida.

East Central: Lyle Gumm, Chicago, Illinois.

West Central: Robert Barries, University of Minnesota.

Rocky Mountains: William J. Luttrell, Salt Lake City.

Pacific Northwest: Philip Dreyer, Portland, Oregon.

Southwest: Joseph Chulak, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

AVC'ers Speak To Steelworkers Convention

At the recent Convention of District No. 30 of the United Steelworkers of America, Richard G. Fritzmeier, AVC-organizer, and Martin L. Larner, Regional Chairman, brought the delegates the cordial greetings of this organization.

"Fritz" spoke to the conference on the aims and objects of AVC. He outlined the work of the organization in Indiana. He pointed out that there are fourteen million veterans who are not organized into any kind of veterans' organization, and that the policy of the AVC recommended itself to organized labor.

"Marty," who also spoke on behalf of AVC, said, among other things: "The American Veterans Committee is an entirely different type of veterans' organization. It was founded on the premise that veterans are citizens first. We feel that veterans cannot make a better world for veterans alone, that the

only salvation for the veteran and for the people as a whole is to make a better world for everybody.

"We know that the great bulk of the people are those who work, those who do the basic daily tasks of our nation. We know, therefore, if you increase the well-being of those people that you increase the well-being and possibilities and the progress of the country and the world as a whole. If we are going to make this a better world for ourselves, we must make it a better world for everyone."

Robb Lauds AVC

The following passage is taken from the report of James Robb, Director of District No. 30 of the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, to the 13th Annual District Conference in Terre Haute.

"The American Veterans Committee—a vision less than six years ago—stands established today as a driving force for full democracy. Founded and maintained in unswerving allegiance to its guiding policies—'Citizens First—Veterans Second,' and 'A democratic and prosperous America in a more stable world,' AVC has implemented these policies by effective action at every level. AVC has emphasized service to the nation and to the various communities. They have encouraged chapters and other territorial units to invest the major share of their effort in solving community problems and rendering community service.

"The American Veterans Committee has taken an unequivocal position in support of the CIO in its overall program on the legislative front. It would be quite impossible to report in detail to you the numerous issues on which our positions have shown a complete identity of interest.

"Briefly though, as to the political activity of this healthy group of World War II Veterans has followed, they are: A consistent fight for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and re-enactment of the Wagner Act; a national housing bill (that has now been enacted); Fair Employment Practices; Social

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We urge all AVC Chapters to take action on two issues. They may appear only remotely to affect our organization in this State, but upon examination, both are eminently worthy of sustained support by all echelons of AVC.

The two measures are support for Home Rule for the residents of Washington, D. C., and the establishment of a Commission on Human Relations for the District of Columbia.

A bill establishing such a Commission has been introduced by Senator Neely, and AVC chapters are urged to ask our two Senators to back this bill.

A bill which would give District of Columbia residents a right to vote for local officials has passed the Senate and is now bottled up in the House District Committee by an alliance of Republicans and Southern Democrats. If brought to a vote, it is sure to pass.

The Washington Area Council has asked the support of all AVC'ers in this fight. In a memorandum to all members, it said:

"Other issues may look bigger to you, but these are important to you as well as to us. . . .

"Since Congressmen and Sena-

tors sympathetic to AVC are probably going to support these measures anyway, we suggest that you consider writing as a private citizen and taxpayer, rather than bringing the organization's name into it."

The State Council urges every conscientious AVC'er to contact Senators Capehart and Jenner and his own Congressman in support of these eminently worthwhile bills. Official communications to the Senators and all Congressmen already have been dispatched by the State Office, but need to be backed up by the members all over the State. If convenient, it would be appreciated if you could send copies of your letters to the State Office.

State Convention—

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Room. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to Annual Reports of State Officers, voting on Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions.

A Second Plenary Session at 10:00 a. m. Sunday at the same place will elect new officers for the coming year and will take care of all unfinished business before adjournment.

The time-schedule of the Convention is the tightest schedule ever for a State Convention, and its success will depend upon the punctuality of delegates. It will also depend on whether adequate advance preparations can be made, to enable the committees and the plenary sessions to conduct all business with efficiency and dispatch. For this purpose, all chapters are urged to submit resolutions, suggestions for constitutional changes, nominations, etc. well ahead of the Convention, so that all ideas can receive their due consideration.

Indications are that far-reaching constitutional changes will be presented to the Convention, looking toward a simplification and streamlining of existing State-Council structure. Proposals will in all likelihood be submitted to reduce the number of State Officers and to define more clearly State Council functions. At the same time, it appears to be the overwhelming sentiment of prominent AVC'ers that the continued effectiveness of the State Council is an indispensable factor in the future development of Indiana AVC.

There have, as yet, been no formal announcements of candidates for any State office. There have, however, been a series of announcements by AVC'ers, headed by the incumbent State Chairman, that they will not be candidates for office.

Dick Fritzmeier, as Convention Arrangements Chairman, and Bob Long, as Convention Chairman, are doing excellent work to assure the success of this meeting. A Pre-Convention Resolutions Committee is headed by . . .

terholtz, and includes Irv Fink, Sam Macer, and Jack Hayes, James Carter of Muncie and Randy Frakes of Indianapolis are serving with George Winder of Plymouth on the Credentials Committee. Roland Dickerson of South Bend heads the Nominations Committee, and Elmer Ward of Bloomington already has drawn a number of proposed amendments to submit to the Constitutional Revisions Committee which he is heading.

Letter From Europe

By Eden Gray

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of letters from the former State Historian, Miss Eden Gray of Lafayette, who is spending a year in Europe. Her last report was concerned mostly with her impressions of England. The latest letter contains a series of inside glimpses and impressions of post-war France, as well as personal news of interest to her many AVC friends in Indiana.)

In the early part of fall I went on a wonderful trip down the Seine River to the Oise and the Aisne by yacht. What an experience to see France from the deck of a boat. Later I joined the boat again at Marseille for a week, but that's about all the traveling I have done.

Recently I have been doing some radio shows for ECA. They have started a new series called "This is Europe" and I was a Norwegian farm woman in one of the shows and a Greek in another.

These shows are put on tape and later will be recorded and broadcast in the U. S., so it is possible that you will hear me.

I am also doing a little planning for a program with UNESCO. It is to be a 7-minute program di-

rected to the women of America, and if it goes through I will write the scripts. In connection with it I have been inspired with the wonderful work that is being done to rehabilitate the children who had such a bad time of it during the war.

Communism has not taken hold in any of the countries over here that had had some sort of progressive government. I saw that as I went through Scandinavia, where at each election the position of the communists in the government is weakened. Here in France there is a great need to reform . . . and so the communists are stronger here.

The worker gets paid very little and there is not much in the way of social reforms. The French people pride themselves that they have liberty . . . they are all so conscious of keeping personal liberty that they fail to get together to run their country. There are so many political parties and they all want things their own way and so nothing gets done. I am beginning to see the fallacy of proportional representation.

Did you hear what Churchill said when plans were being made to rebuild the British parliament building? Some people suggested a semi-circle of seats facing the speaker, but he said no, that led to all shades of opinion from left to right. It was much better, he felt, for members to have to sit either on the right or left of the speaker. It made for only two political parties, the conservatives and the Liberals. . . one had to sit on one side or the other, and in this way the majority could rule more easily. Perhaps I haven't made this very clear, but it was a revelation to me. Sometimes when there are many political parties, with each group out for their own interests things are so split up that the result is not much work accomplished along any lines.

We had a fine dry fall, but now it is cold and rainy. Houses here are hardly heated at all, the same with offices. Different sections of

the city have a day a week with no electricity and that means no elevators and people in offices trying to work away from windows in a sort of twilight or with a few kerosene lamps. I think the people eat well enough. Very few can afford chicken. Oranges cost about

20 cents a piece. The simplest meal in a restaurant comes to \$1.50. Some restaurants do have a meal for students at about 75 cents. Theatres are cheap, a good seat at the Comedie Francaise costs only \$1.50, and the opera is even cheaper. Movies are about 30 cents. There are lots of G. I.'s over here at the various Universities, and I do wish someone would form a going AVC chapter among them.

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FIVE CENTS

Fifth Annual Convention Elects Katz To Head State Council

Delegates from all Indiana AVC chapters met January 7 and 8 at the Fifth Annual State Convention of the Indiana State Council, AVC, to elect new officers for the current year, draw up a State Platform, and lay plans for an expansion of both the membership and the activity of this World War II veterans organization.

The Convention, held in Indianapolis, was signal proof of the continued vitality and the strong urge to maintain the fight for liberal objectives which has characterized AVC from its inception. The Indiana State Council, chartered in 1945, is the oldest territorial unit of AVC, and—by general agreement—one of the best.

New Officers Elected

The most important part of the convention came Sunday morning, when the delegates proceeded to

thetic account of the struggles of the English people to surmount the economic difficulties with which they are faced. He described the

accorded standing ovations at the conclusion of their talks. (Excerpts of the State Chairman's report are found elsewhere in this issue.)

Also addressing the Convention was District Director Robb of the Steelworkers' Union, who reviewed the history of collaboration between his organization and AVC, and promised continued aid and cooperation in the task of building a strong liberal veterans movement.

Constitutional Convention

The only constitutional amendment that was approved by the delegates was a revision of

Meeting Of State Council Sunday, March 12

The first meeting of the new State Council will be held in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 12 at 1:00 p. m. at 2044 North Capitol Avenue, it was announced by Irwin Katz, state chairman.

The meeting will concern itself with the implementation of the platform that was passed at the State Convention.

P R Again

In the light of the Sonderrmann-Feldman discussion of P. R. in a recent issue of the issue, we reprint the following letter to the AVC Bulletin written by former NPC'er Bellush.

Proportionate representation grants all varying degrees of

honorary membership which we have had and achieved. The delegates have dealt with such subjects as the reorganization of the State Government, a Fair Employment Practices Act, an increase in unemployment compensation, an end to discrimination in the State Guard, Rent Controls, and a change in the tax-structure of the State. The full text of the Resolutions will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Plans For 1950

The new State Chairman, Irv Katz, indicated that all platform planks will be implemented to the best of the State Council's ability, but that special emphasis will be placed on two of them. AVC in the current year will head the drive for a reorganization of Indiana's antiquated State Government structure, so that all boards, commissions and other agencies will be combined into a limited number of departments directly responsible to the Governor. AVC has already sounded the call for a "Little Hoover Commission" for Indiana, to bring order, efficiency, and economy into our State Government.

The other proposal to be stressed is AVC's advocacy of a repeal of the present Gross Income Tax Law as completely incompatible with all modern trends in taxation, and a substitution therefore of a Net Income Tax, modelled on the order of the present Federal Income Tax.

With enthusiastic and eager delegates heading homeward, the Fifth Annual State Convention of AVC became history—or rather, gave way to the history which AVC in 1950 will make.

Message From The State Chairman

I want to express my deep appreciation for the honor extended to me. It has always been my feeling that AVC represents everything in which I believe and I am determined to continue the fight for our ideals that were so ably carried on by my predecessors—Fred Sonderrmann, George Wender, Joe Kutch and Marty Lerner.

The new administration is going to concern itself primarily with laying the groundwork for the tremendous amount of work that must be done in the 1951 legislature. We will continue to cooperate with various organizations on issues in which we believe and which are so ably stated in the platform adopted at the State Convention.

It is my earnest hope that we will be able to renew our entire 1949 membership as easily as possible, so that we can expend our energies in getting new members and implementing our platform.

With the help of each of you, we hope that AVC in Indiana will move forward to aid in the building of a bigger and better democratic society in the United States.

Yours for a bigger AVC,
Irwin Katz

New Publication

With this issue, "Vet Voice" is literally and figuratively being "put to bed" for the last time under its present format. State officers have decided the interests of AVC in Indiana could be better served at this period in our development by an entirely new editorial approach.

Therefore, on or about April 1st you will receive the first edition of "The Indiana Veteran," a twelve-page magazine containing timely articles of interest on Indiana political and social problems. Its range will be wide and its attitude will be liberal, consistent with the humanistic principles which have always been dominant in the philosophy of AVC.

We hope you will be candid in your judgment and vocal with your pen upon receipt of the first and all subsequent issues of our new venture, "The Indiana Veteran."

New Regional Chairmen are: For the Northern District: John Klecka of East Chicago; for the Central District: Randy Frakes, of Indianapolis; and for the Southern District: J. Arnold Feldman of Bloomington, who, incidentally, thus became the only member of the 1949 administration to be re-elected in 1950.

Convention Addresses

The Convention formally began with a banquet on Saturday night at which Dr. E. Burdette of the Indiana State Church, spoke on "The British Labor Movement and American Democracy." The last summer in a very sympa-

es the America. also of Ward of Anderson was in place of Chairman George with. Roland Dick of South Bend as new State replacing Bob Long of Indianapolis, and Ed Bennett, a student at Butler University, became the new State Historian, succeeding Hubert H. Hawkins.

The Meaning Of 'Welfare State'

(Editor's Note: This is condensed version of an article recently submitted to the "Veterans Voice" by Mr. Ward, new Treasurer of the Indiana State Council, AVC. The "Veterans Voice" solicits comments and additional contributions on this important and timely subject.)

The chief sport of many people, including business-men and politicians, is to hurl forth such epithets as "Welfare State" whenever referring to the present national administration. They are referring, of course, to the many controls, the social legislation, and the large-scale spending of the federal government. But what do they mean? The only thing one can get by asking questions of these people is confusion and contradictory statements. Since ours is a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," it is about time the people were informed as to what the real score is.

Those people who are against the "welfare state" talk loudly about getting "back to good government." Now what do they mean by that? This is what must be analyzed, since it is the basis for the confusion attending the phrase "welfare state."

Some people will insist that "good government" is that government which does not control the people. If this be the case, then it must be said that no such government exists, nor could it exist. So, the "anti-welfare staters" do not refer to the commonly accepted controls, like those over marriage, divorce, etc., but instead they refer to economic controls—controls over business, for the benefit of the general public. The "good government" to which the businessman is referring is that which he had prior to 1890. That was the period in which the government safeguarded the interests of business. The controls and regulations during that period safeguarded the businessman against those who would wilfully destroy property or break contracts to the detriment of business.

It is the battle-cry of the opponents of the "welfare state" that in those days we had true free enterprise. It is about time someone defined that term. The logical meaning of the term is that anyone may enter into any business activity at any time, without opposition, control, or regulation. What does this mean? It means that if I want to start a match factory, I can do so. I could start the factory but merely obtaining a building, the necessary machinery, and necessary labor. There are no rules, regulations or

"everyone for himself, and the devil gets the hindmost."

Obviously we cannot have such a system and be a prosperous nation. The people who sell buildings, machinery, labor, must be assured of their pay. Therefore, it was necessary for government to proclaim that only those who were responsible citizens—those who offered reasonable certainty that they would attend to their obligations—could enter into an enterprise. Thus we no longer had free enterprise, but controlled enterprise.

There is yet another factor in "free enterprise." That is the protection of the businessman's market. If another country can get labor and materials at lower prices and can send its products into this country, underselling our own industry, then our industry loses its home market. Therefore, it was deemed necessary by our businessmen to place an important tax on incoming goods, so as to make them sell at a price equal to or higher than our industry could sell them. In some circumstances, subsidies were demanded by our industry. These were safeguards for the health and prosperity of our industry—a social health insurance, if you please, paid by all citizens who paid taxes. There are very few, if any, businessmen who will not agree that these safe-

businessmen do. Are these groups expected to applaud the safeguards for business and say nothing about those practices by business which tend to undermine labor and the consumer? It was this consideration which brought about the introduction of additional safeguards for the larger groups in our nation. The Pure Food and Drug Act and anti-monopoly legislation in the early part of the century protected the consumer and the small businessman. The right to organize and bargain collectively became an accepted part of industrial relations, safeguarding Labor and arming it at long last with an effective weapon to assert itself.

All these safeguards—for business, consumer and labor—are part of what should be called "good government." They protect the things we, as citizens, pay our tax money for. These things, indeed, are the only excuse for government to collect taxes in the first place.

The question remains why it is the national government, rather than some other level of government, which is doing most of the spending. The answer is that this is the case because it is the national government which is carrying out most of the responsibilities of government in this country. Many of these protections could be maintained at far less cost by local governments, but since local and state governments are doing less and less to satisfy the aspirations and desires of their citizens, the national government finds it necessary to spend more and more for the things for which the local governments should be responsible.

What about social legislation? What about Social Security Insurance and Social Health Insurance? I have drawn the analogy between tariffs and subsidies granted industry and Social Security and Health Insurance. If it is not a close analogy, it is because tariffs and subsidies granted industry protect a small minority of people and therefore cost less. It is necessary to include the farmers' parity

guards are needed.

It is only one more step, logically, to social and health insurance for the rest of the citizens of the United States. If it is right and necessary for business, it should be so for citizens. Laborers and all consumers pay taxes for "good government" just as much as the

farmers' subsidies are more closely related to the subsidies granted industry. Subsidies to industry are included in the rosy picture of the "good old days" when we had "free enterprise" and "good government." Subsidies to the farmers are included in social welfare of the "welfare state" category. Industry's subsidies are results of "good government," but farmers' subsidies are granted under "extravagant" and "wasteful" government. It is important, however, to note that both types of subsidies were paid from the same source of money—the general tax fund which is collected from all citizens. If industry's subsidies are right, why is it not right for farmers to have subsidies as well, since both are paid by the same people?

Social Security Insurance, Health Insurance are closely analogous to tariffs and subsidies to industry. Tariffs protect the health and security of our industry, as Social Security and Health Insurance will protect that of all citizens. (But, you say, tariffs do not cost anything. . . the other countries pay for them. Yes, and the consumer pays for them through increased prices of the goods he buys. It will also be insisted that tariffs enable industry to pay more for labor, thereby increasing standards of living for the consumer as well as for labor. Yet the same people who say this will insist that labor gains nothing by fighting for higher wages. They should at least be consistent in their thinking.)

Social Security and Health Insurance (if it comes into being) will cost more than Industrial Health and Security Insurance, but simply because the latter covers only a small fraction of the people who pay taxes. Again I insist that what is good for industry should also be right for the large majority. If industry, which is strong and healthy, needs health security insurance, then the rest of the people need it even more.

The question remains: do we have good government? The answer is "yes" for national government; and "no" for local government. In defining "good govern-

The Marshall Plan's Future—After 1952—What?

By Eden Gray

(This is the third in a series of reports to the readers of the "Veterans Voice" by Eden Gray, former State Historian and Vice-Chairman of the Lafayette AVC Chapter, who is currently spending a year traveling in Europe):

Paris, December 18, 1949

"Wednesday night the local ADA chapter had a round-table discussion between Barry Bingham, Chief of the ECA Special Mission to France, Theodore White of the Overseas News Agency; David Schoenbrunn of the Columbia Broadcasting System; Russell Hill, New York Herald Tribune, and Mr. Hurd from the Christian Science Monitor. It was a packed house and a most interesting evening. I took a few notes and thought you might like to know what they had to say about ECA. The topic discussed was: "After 1952—What?"

Bingham spoke of what ECA had accomplished and what targets France had set herself for 1952. Steel production had increased by one-third in the last year, coal production was high, electrical energy increase was miraculously great. But with all this, there would still be a dollar deficit of \$200,000,000 in 1952. This meant that France had to make more effort to sell things in the dollar markets, which could be done only by better merchandising, reduction of costs, and stopping of protective cartels. More effort must go into utilizing the French colonies for this purpose, and French Labor must be given more hope for the future. He said that ECA money and help had not been trickling down to the lower levels, and that the French worker was paid very poorly, as compared to the British laboring man.

He suggested that one of three things might be done in 1952:

1. The U. S. might continue giving money to France;

2. The U. S. might abandon the European countries to their fate, which would almost inevitably mean the emergence of communist regimes;

3. The U. S. might buy more European goods, with a reduction in tariffs.

David Schoenbrunn asked the question: Who is getting the benefit from increased French production? He thought that whoever it was, the laborer was no better off because of it. To be sure, the Communist Party has lost ground in France—probably as a result of ECA aid. But at the same time, this help from the U. S. has enabled France to put off badly needed tax reforms. The white-collar worker and the working man, who receive 35 percent of France's national income, are paying 65 percent of all taxes. The

said that he doesn't think anyone really knows yet what the Marshall Plan is all about. In its first year, we were busy giving much-needed quick relief to the European countries. The second year was taken up with the British crisis, and no one can as yet, evaluate the third year.

The following night I attended a meeting sponsored by the Paris Chapter of the AVC, to which it had invited a number of French newspaper men to tell the French side of the picture. The question discussed was: "Is there a real American policy in France?"

It was felt by the workers that our policy over here was too fluid and not even clear to those who make it. Though France is still called one of the five world powers, it has actually very little to say in shaping policies. All of them were willing to admit that French recovery has been greatly helped by U. S. aid, but they

insisted that French effort itself accounted for much. While France is grateful for U. S. help, it does not like to be reminded of its obligation too often.

Some of them were afraid that ECA was being used by some Americans for private gain, and they wished fervently that we could supply a positive American ideology in place of the negative "Stop Communism" drive. On the subject of the Atlantic Pact, they were appreciative, but didn't like the idea that if Paris were bombed while Congress was in recess, they would have to wait for our help. They also didn't like the talk that France was to be the "shock absorber."

The French journalists felt that the U. S. was swinging from one extreme to the other; that years ago we were too isolated, but that now we interfere too much. This was interesting in view of the fact that the Americans the previous night felt that we did not interfere enough.

Some of the Frenchmen felt that our present attempts to stifle French cartels was because, by banding together, the French industrialists could produce more cheaply, and that we did not want such a French threat to our predominant position in the world market. In line with this, they quoted the story of Denmark—how the Danes were encouraged to ship lots of butter to the United States, whereupon U. S. dairymen protested vigorously. The same was true with Swedish wood pulp. First ECA wisely encouraged the idea that the U. S. would buy Swedish wood pulp, and then the U. S. wood industries turned thumbs down. After all, one man said, it is not very easy to close the dollar gap when all America will really buy from France is whiskey, china, perfume, lace and gloves.

They all agreed that when ECA is over in 1952, something else must replace it, but no one knew for sure what that could be. They felt that whatever it was going to be, it had to have a more liberal basis than the present program.

History will bear out the statement that industry was the first to call for social security—for industry—paid for by the general citizen. It will also bear out that industry has always been opposed to benefits being granted to anyone but itself. So the answer to the question "What is meant by 'Welfare State'?" is merely this: "Welfare State" is a term used in opposition to benefits granted by the state to any other group besides that of which one happens to be a member. Selfish, isn't it?

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Crusade For Hysteria... Editorial

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There have been few conferences so bizarre or so ominous as the "All-American Conference" sponsored in New York City on January 28-29 by the American Legion to "form a united front against Communism." The press reported that fifty-eight national organizations, purporting to represent a combined membership of fifty million, participated in the conference out of the seventy-six groups originally invited to attend. Eighteen groups evidently rejected the Legion's invitation while six, according to the director of the Legion's Americanism Committee, were not permitted to send delegates "because they were extremely liberal or occasionally followed the Communist Party line." The names of those who refused or were refused participation were not revealed. Among those who addressed the conference were such "All-Americans" as Senator Karl Mundt of Mundt-Ferguson bill fame and State Senator Jack Tenney, who won his place on the team for his performance as California's ace witch-hunter.

The roster of the groups participating in the conference is amusing, grotesque and frightening. The list, as was to be expected, is heavily weighted with organizations who miss no opportunity to drape themselves in the American flag in order to flaunt their particular brand of patriotism. Since anti-Communism is regarded by many people today as the only valid standard of American patriotism, it was natural that such groups as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce should have turned out in full force.

We are highly gratified to note the absence from the con-

ference of a group of organizations which have established themselves among the most authentic spokesmen of American liberalism—the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Veterans Committee (AVC), Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and the American Jewish Congress. We do not know which of these groups achieved distinction by refusing an invitation and which, like the American Jewish Congress, had distinction thrust upon them by exclusion from the list of invitees. But the absence of all of these organizations is the more significant when the relationship of each of them to Communists is examined.

The regulations of the ACLU specifically ban Communists from membership on any of its governing bodies. The NAACP barred all Communist and Communist-front groups from the national civil rights mobilization which it recently sponsored. The AVC has sought to purge the Communists in its ranks. The ADA has launched as a non-Communist, if not as an anti-Communist, liberal movement. And no Jewish group has been the object of such malicious attacks by Communists, both here and abroad, as the American Jewish Congress. It is likely, however, that these organizations were among those considered "extremely liberal" by the American Legion because of their consistent leadership in resisting encroachment on civil liberties even when unpopular groups have been involved.

The theme of the conference was no less ominous than the extent of participation it succeeded in enlisting. A permanent organization has been created to conduct a national crusade against Communism. The reports are vague as to the form this crusade will assume. But the conference seems to have taken its keynote from Senator Mundt who advocated the passage of several items of repressive legislation such as he has already introduced into Congress.

We have repeatedly affirmed our conviction that no system of ideas or social theories can ever be successfully challenged or resisted by negatives or by repression. Totalitarian ideologies, whether of the Fascist, Communist or any other variety, feed on the imperfections in our democracy, which their spokesmen exploit. These ideologies can be checked only by removing those imperfections through maintaining and extending the freedoms and equalities which are the essence of

American democracy.

"All - American Conference," however, discussed nothing of the sort. Its utterly negative motivation will serve only to breed more hysteria and fear which will inevitably endanger American freedoms and encourage the very evils the participants gathered to oppose. The conference will certainly help to hold this country up to ridicule in the eyes of the democratic world. For few people in other lands can possibly believe that this country is in any danger of domestic Communism, let alone such danger as to call for a national crusade. This "All-American" performance will do much to convince other lands that we are engulfed by a tidal wave of national hysteria which makes the soundness of all our judgments and actions questionable.

Another of the Conference's objectives, according to its sponsors, was to find ways "to strengthen government agencies in their restraint and abolition of Commun-

ist activities." We have consistently affirmed the right of the Government to insist on unequivocal loyalty from those who serve in its ranks. But we have equally insisted that the exercise of that right must in no way impair the fundamental civil liberties of this country. We have therefore opposed the House Committee on Un-American Activities and such legislation as the Mundt-Ferguson bill as unnecessary and dangerous. Indeed, the meager results of the Government's loyalty program, which have accentuated the need for sensationalizing and over-publicizing the few cases that have reached the courts, seem to indicate that the abuses and dangers of that program considerably outweigh the positive results it is likely to achieve.

The Government certainly does not require the assistance of a national crusade for the enforcement of its loyalty program. Quite the contrary, a genuine understanding of and loyalty to American principles would require patriotic civic groups constantly to scrutinize that program in order to prevent abuse and the miscarriage of justice. Responsibility for the prosecution of a loyalty program must carry with it the equal responsibility to guard, and when necessary to protest and to act, against its misuse. We do not recall that the Daughters of the American Revolution or the National Association of Manufacturers or most of the other groups represented at the conference have ever demonstrated any particular recognition of this phase of their American responsibility.

Another problem with which the conference concerned itself was that of Communist infiltration. Any organization has the right to protect the integrity of its program and the democratic discipline of its movement even to the extent of denying membership to those who subvert that integrity and violate that discipline. When groups seek to divert an organization from its stated purposes by converting it into a battleground

for interior and peripheral political ends or when they refuse to abide by organizational discipline, they forfeit their right to membership. Liberal movements, and particularly the trade unions, have increasingly been forced to face that problem of infiltration in recent years. The denial of membership involves no issue of civil rights. The Constitution of the United States grants to no person the inalienable right of membership in any voluntary organization. Membership in a voluntary body bears responsibilities as well as privileges, and those who violate the responsibilities forfeit their privileges.

But those liberal groups which have faced the problem of infiltration have at the same time, however, recognized their obligation to defend the civil rights and liberties even of those whom they may deny a voice in their own midst. To take the outstanding example, the ACLU, though denying Communists membership on its boards, has been the most courageous and fearless defender of the rights of speech and assembly of Communists. The interrelated problems of coping with subversive infiltration and the obligation to defend the civil rights of all groups, whatever their political orientation, can hardly have concerned most of the delegates to the "All-American Conference." Communists seek to infiltrate liberal groups. We doubt that the Chamber of Commerce or the American Medical Association or the Daughters of the American Revolution are troubled by the problem of Communist infiltration, and we likewise doubt that they are especially disturbed by the denial of civil liberties to any radical political groups.

The conference, it therefore seems clear to us, abused rather than enhanced or furthered real Americanism. For genuine patriotism is never established by ostentatious flag-waving or flamboyant oratorical denunciation of "isms." The genuine substance of American patriotism lies in a practical dedication to the ideals of freedom and equality. In this regard, the record of most of the partici-

Indiana Gross Income Tax

One of the vital issues that the State Council is going to concern itself with is the repeal of the Gross Income Tax in favor of a graduated net income. The Indiana Gross Income Tax is a "soak the poor" tax which makes no allowance for marital status, extraordinary expenses or amount of income.

The foundation of the American system of taxation is tax based on ability to pay. Under the gross income tax, a person earning \$3,000 a year pays the same tax of 1 percent as does the person earning \$100,000 per year. Further, the larger corporations of the state pay a negligible amount of gross income tax because most of their shipments are interstate and not taxable. To complete the "soak the poor" pattern of the Gross Income Tax, a taxpayer unmarried, earning \$3,000 a year, pays the same tax as a married taxpayer with four children.

The Indiana Gross Income Tax is inequal and must be repealed.

We suggest that a graduated net income tax plan be adopted to replace the Gross Income Tax because it corrects all the evils of the Gross Income Tax and is based on the wholly American theory of taxation based on ability to pay.

We call on every candidate for the State Legislature to clarify his stand on repeal of the "Soak the poor" Gross Income Tax.

The Future Of AVC As I See It

By Irwin Katz

The present trend to the Right seems to be the type of illusion that our Free Press likes to create. It should be evident to us in AVC that the people generally support what is now referred to as the welfare state. What happens is that there are no mediums of public information in Indiana where this expression of the public will can be shown except at the polls and the people seem to have done that fairly effectively for as long a time as our country has been in existence.

The job of AVC is to make every issue clear to the people so that they make the decision in terms of what is best for them. We must speak out forthrightly for what we believe in, pointing out its relation to the entire pattern of American democracy. It is clear to all that our one devotion is to the American ideal and that our job is to pressure for its extension to all people regardless of race, color and creed. These are not merely words to us but we try to make these ideals come alive by implementing them with legislation such as FEPC, minimum wage, housing, and others.

Let us not backtrack from what we believe in.

because our views are not very popular at the present writing. Let us be firm in the belief that right will win out in the end although frequently that seems like forlorn hope. Let us have the intestinal fortitude to support those people whom we believe are right regardless of whose toes we may step on. Let us compromise on some things—but not on our principles.

The AVC ideal is the one that the future of America must be built on. Let's fight for it.

pants in the conference is a sorry one. In the challenge to civil liberties and in the fight to extend to all Americans the freedoms and principles established by our Constitution, most of them have been strikingly silent, and many have been in actual opposition.

The role of many of these groups is by no means surprising. Some of them, like the Daughters of the American Revolution or the National Association of Manufacturers, have always defined Americanism exclusively in terms of their crass prejudices or vested interests; and in their participation in this latest crusade they are running true to form. Others continue to reveal the muddled thinking which marks all their activities. Still others clearly lack the courage to dissociate themselves from such a movement because of alleged "public relations" considerations.

The participation of the labor movement, however, is alarming and much more difficult to understand. For organized labor has generally revealed a deep perception of the fact that the appeal of totalitarian systems is weakened

to the degree in which our own freedoms and civil rights are maintained and expanded. It has always been acutely sensitive to the impairment of the rights of labor threatened by masked attacks on "radical" and "alien" ideologies. It is quite likely that, because of the preoccupation of organized labor with the legitimate task of combating Communist infiltration in the unions, its perspective on the larger problem and issue has become distorted. We regard its initial participation in the "All-American Conference" as a tragic blunder. And we earnestly hope that it regains that perspective before it becomes irrevocably committed to a crusade which carries the seeds of the most dangerous and un-American anti-liberal movement this country has witnessed in a long time.

"Tell me," said an old gentleman, drawing little Johnny out with good-natured teasing, "what are little boys good for, anyhow?"

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I don't get it!

lunch did you start picking an' race apart—make a few cracks about someone's religion? You see, that's where the trouble starts.

Well, I—uh...

Look, Mister, nobody is saying that you mean to be intolerant—but every time you make a crack like that you are hurting your country's unity.

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I never thought of that. Say—who are you anyway?

Your conscience.



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What Do You Read?

G. I.'s who marched into Germany in pursuit of the fleeing Nazis will never forget the sights they witnessed in the liberated concentration camps. The quickly deserted camps, with their dead, their dying, and their barely-

cooled furnaces, were an incredible testament to the bestiality and depravity of the Nazis. But the full story of the Nazi horror is even more unbelievable.

"Doctors of Infamy," edited by Alexander Mitscherlich, head of the German Medical Commission, and others connected with the Nuremberg Trial, is a record of the medical "experiments" conducted by Nazi physicians—a rec-

ord so horrible that the wildest imagination of a fiction writer could not match it. Yet this is not fiction; it is a true account of madmen turned loose on hundreds of thousands of innocent victims. It is a documented report about men whose talents should have been devoted to healing and soothing the sick, but who instead maimed, sterilized and killed healthy human beings; who deliberately injected children and pregnant women with horrible diseases so they could study the effects; who subjected innocent victims to experimentation so vile that death came as a blessed relief.

"Experimental persons" as these victims were called, were people of every nationality and creed imprisoned by the Nazis: Poles, Czech, Russians, Catholic priests and Jewish children—all filled the concentration camps of Europe. Most died under the planned tortures of the Nazi doctors; some who lived are forever crippled, diseased and insane.

"Doctors of Infamy" is a book to be reckoned with today. As we relax our denazification program in Germany; as "acquitted" azis resume industrial leadership and occupy posts as jurists, teachers and city officials under American occupation, "Doctors of Infamy" reminds us to stand guard. Can we soon afford to forget that domination psychology which brought us two wars in a generation? An enemy so poisoned, so devoid of moral judgments cannot reform overnight. We dare not relax our vigilance!

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1950 State Platform

The Indiana AVC announces the following principles in addition to the National Platform of AVC as adopted at the convention in Chicago in November. In advocating and working for the adoption of these principles, AVC in Indiana proposes to cooperate with like-minded organizations to defeat the menaces of totalitarianism and to improve our democratic society.

STATE PLATFORM

As Amended At First Plenary Session

1. We favor the submission to the voters by the next General Assembly of the question of holding a convention to draft a new Constitution for the State of Indiana. In this respect, we support the objectives of the State League of Women Voters, the Bureau of Governmental Research at Indiana University and like-minded organizations.

2. We favor the abolition of the antiquated township trustee set-up and advocate the handling of relief and school affairs on a county-wide basis.

3. We urge the General Assembly to perform its constitutional duty to reapportion the seats of both Houses of the Legislature. Failing this, we favor a constitutional amendment empowering the Secretary of State to reapportion the Legislature after every federal decennial census.

4. We urge legislation providing for a direct primary for the nomination of Senators and Governors of Indiana.

5. We favor a reorganization of our State Government which would regroup all boards, commissions and other agencies, according to major purpose into a limited number of departments directly responsible to the Governor.

6. We favor a state-wide civil service system for all state and county employees below the policy-making level, with compensation and tenure comparable to those of federal civil service employees.

7. We favor the enactment of a Fair Employment Practices Law with adequate penalties, prohibiting all forms of discrimination in public and private employment, based on race, color, creed, or national origin, to be enforced by a State Fair Employment Practices Commission; and we also favor the strengthening and enforcement of the present act and, if necessary, the passage of an additional act forbidding segregation in places of public accommodation.

8. We favor increasing maximum unemployment compensation benefits to a maximum of \$30 for 30 weeks, and expanded coverage. Involvement in labor disputes shall not constitute cause for denial of unemployment benefits. Claimants should receive adequate additional compensation for each dependent.

9. We urge the Governor to examine the practicability of forbidding segregation and discrimination in the Indiana State Guard because of race, creed, color, or national origin, by executive order. In the event that this cannot be done by executive order, we favor the enactment of a law so providing.

10. We oppose the establishment of a State Un-American Activities Committee or any agency designed to discredit citizens for the political beliefs which they hold.

11. We favor the maintenance of rent controls wherever necessitated by the housing situation within the state.

12. We advocate changing the state flat-rate tax on gross income to a graduated tax on net income.

13. We favor reforms in the procedure of the Indiana Legislature to permit more adequate handling of its functions.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Whereas, the Indiana State Industrial Union Council, CIO, has been highly cooperative with AVC, and its officers have fully supported AVC's program and activities,

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Indiana State Convention of AVC record its appreciation to the CIO and especially of District No. 30 of the United Steel Workers of America, CIO, and its director, James Robb.

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Thierry, of Okinawa. Yes, it's a long road, a road 175 years long. Nineteen hundred fifty marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps. What we, as the people of a free nation, owe to the Marine Corps is a question that can never be answered in dollars or cents. It can never be answered in terms of gratitude, or humble thanks.

The United States Marine Corps does not require any thanks from their fellow Americans, their reward comes from everyday observation of the freedom and bountiful rewards that the nation they helped to build is enjoying today. As America's number one defenders, the Marine Corps receive the silent and sincere salutes of every American on this, their 175th birthday.

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State Chairman's Annual Report

Excerpts From Convention Report Of
Former State Chairman Sondermann

The following are excerpts from the Annual Report of the State Chairman, submitted to the Fifth State Convention of AVC, Indianapolis, January 7th, 1950.

The State Of The Organization

"In the privacy of this convention, we can admit that we continue to be a small group, much smaller than we would like to be or than we thought we were going to be. But at the same time, we can also proudly claim that AVC in Indiana, at a time when the membership of all veterans organizations declined drastically, has not only more than held its own in membership, but has made great advances in public acceptance, and has scored significant successes in its political program. There is no other State or Area Council of this organization which has survived the past year in as good a shape as we did."

"In many respects the past year has been one of consolidation and retrenchment. We have lost chapters which we could ill afford to lose. But the picture is not wholly black. In Indianapolis we were able successfully to consolidate an inactive chapter with an active one, to the benefit and advantage of everyone concerned. Indianapolis No. 1 and No. 6 have grown in a most satisfactory manner. Bloomington is on the way up, and South Bend and East Chicago are trying very hard to get there, too. A new chapter has been chartered and is active in Muncie."

"We have cooperated closely with our chapters during the past year . . . Those of you who have been active on the chapter level will confirm my statement that the State Council has cooperated in every possible way with local chapters, that we have never been found wanting when our chapters asked us for aid, and that we do not need to apologize for our efforts in this field."

Political Action

"Of equal significance with our work in the chapter field has been our work pertaining to policy . . . We have been more influential and more often successful than any organization of even ten times our size would have a right to expect."

"On the State level, we actively led the fight against the imposition of a Sales Tax to pay a Veterans' Bonus which we didn't want. Our fight on the bonus issue was a real test of statesmanship for AVC, and revealed more clearly than it had ever been revealed before the basic differences which distinguished us from other groups. . . While other veterans organizations in the

\$150 million expenditure for which they were responsible, the largest of them was not at all backward about expressing its belief that what this state needed—more urgently than housing, health and civil rights—was a State Un-American Activities Committee . . . AVC fought and licked that proposition twice. It was another instance in which we preferred principle to expediency, and it was another fight which we won."

"AVC was also in the forefront of the successful fight to eliminate segregation in Indiana's public schools. We fought—and will continue to fight—for a State FEPC law that is more than a pious statement that all men ought to be good."

National Legislation

"Your State Office was in constant and close touch with Indiana's Congressional delegation. Housing was our Number One activity, both on the National and local level. Likewise we exerted every ounce of effort possible to fight the year's monstrosity, Mr. Rankin's Pension Bill. We participated in the fight for continued

on the local level. We urged the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law—and lost—and the raising of the minimum wage—and won. We participated very actively in the fight for the kind of national Health Insurance which will permit American families to live without the constant dread of the economic effects of illness. We urged our two Senators to make themselves efficient in the fight to pass much-needed Civil Rights legislation in the Senate. I regret to have to say that our urgings were of no avail, as both Senators voted in favor of a rule which will make the consideration of Civil Rights in the Senate more difficult than ever."

"On the national as well as on the State level; call the roll of progressive measures, of benefit to our state and nation, and you have called the roll of measures for which your State Council has fought and should continue to fight. And we can also say: Call the roll of every liberal organization, of every progressive-thinking leader in this State, and you call the roll of AVC's good and fast friends and co-workers."

The Men Who Did The Work

"I would be greatly remiss in my duty and lacking in gratefulness were I not to say that this work has been done by any one man, but by a group of fine people in this State with whom it has been a real privilege to work during the past year. We were never lacking in people who supported and sustained us at every opportunity—on the state level, men like **George Winder, Bob Long, Sam Macer, Arnie Feldman, Ed Bennett, Earl Cole, Kurt Freudenthal and Wallace Rusterholtz**; and on the chapter level, men like **Elmer Ward, Mel Pierce** and others in Bloomington, **Roland Dickerson and Dr. Streets** in South Bend, **Ken Payne** and a host of friends in Indianapolis, **Jim Carter** and his co-workers in Muncie. There is no need for me to tell you of the outstanding contribution which **Marty Lerner** has continually made to AVC on all levels—national, regional, state and local. Nor do I have to en-

Notables Congratulate AVC On Fifth Annual State Convention

The following are excerpts from congratulatory messages received by the State Office of the American Veterans Committee on the occasion of AVC's Fifth Annual State Convention:

From Congressman Madden: "I wish you would extend my sincere congratulations on the success of your organization and the outstanding work you are doing to further progressive legislation."

From Congressman Jacobs: "While my congressional duties will require my constant presence in Washington, I wish to take this opportunity to extend to you my most hearty greetings, and wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year."

From Carl H. Mullen, President, Indiana State Federation of Labor: "I wish to extend the congratulations of the Indiana State Federation of Labor on the excellent program which your organization is supporting. We are indeed glad to know that the American Veterans Committee is giving support to such a progressive legislative program as has been outlined by your public statements and your convention resolutions."

"I express the hope that your organization will continue to grow and prosper; that you will continue, as I feel that you will, to support such a progressive program in behalf of all the citizenship of Indiana and of the nation."

From Willard B. Ransom, president, Indiana State National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: ". . . the NAACP appreciates the close association, cooperation and friendship that exists between our organization and the American Veterans Committee. The AVC is one organization that has stood shoulder to shoulder with our organization in fighting for civil rights and for the extension of democracy throughout Indiana. We remember specifically the tremendous assistance given us by your organization in the victorious fight for the passage of House Bill 242 eliminating segregated schools in Indiana, and for your assistance in unsuccessful fights on the issues of FEPC and more effective civil rights legislation."

"We take off our hats to your organization for the leadership afforded by you in the fight for a

housing authority in Indianapolis, and we were happy to join you in this effort. We know that in the future we can call upon AVC to assist us in all of our undertakings."

From Neal W. Edwards, President, Indiana State Industrial Union Council (CIO): "I wish to express the sentiment of the State CIO Office by stating that we certainly appreciate the close cooperation given us by the State Officers of AVC, in their all-out support along with our organization, the CIO, to obtain the enactment of liberal legislation, which would assure our people of a better social and economic life."

"I assure you of our continued support and close cooperation in the building of a bigger AVC, a real veterans organization, which builds not only for the veteran, but for every American citizen, regardless of race, color, or religion."

against government hand-outs, political persecution, filibusters, and segregation. On every single issue we were on the side which

which are as valid and more urgent today than they were when we joined this organization."

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that the building of two great chapters—Indianapolis No. 6 and Muncie—would have been impossible without the untiring and devoted effort of the AVC organizer, **Dick Fritzmeier**. All these were the men who maintained AVC during the past year, and these are the men who are going to build it during the next."

Cooperation Within AVC

"We have had our disagreements, but much more important were our agreements and our cooperation. Factionalism has not been a problem in Indiana AVC because we have not allowed it to become one. We have kept our heads and concluded that our agreements were infinitely more far-reaching than our disagreements. I can say in all sincerity and without equivocation that during the past year, no policy-decision on the state-level has been dictated by factional considerations. And one of the finest compliments paid to this administration came from one of our members who is, as he himself said, politically considerably to my left, and who told me that our clean, above-board way of conducting the affairs of AVC made it possible and even pleasurable to remain a member and fight for one's convictions within the organization, in spite of occasional disagreements with organizational policy. I suggest to you that we continue the policy which permits differences of opinion within AVC. If we ever lose our ability to cooperate for common objectives in spite of occasional disagreements, we will have lost something very precious, something which this administration worked hard to preserve."

AVC's Political Philosophy

"It has been a proud year, and you may believe me when I say that I have been proud to be your State Chairman during this time. Look at the record: We fought for Housing, for an improved standard of Living, for civil rights, for political freedom, for Health protection, and for the rights of Labor and all Americans. We fought

promised increased freedom from want and fear to our fellow-citizens."

"AVC's philosophy is that the veteran is not someone apart from his fellow-citizens, but that he is part of the greatest experiment the world has yet known, and that he must play his full and intelligent part participating in that experiment and directing it. The experiment is to provide for a fuller and richer life for all people, a life of dignity, security, and real freedom—not the freedom to live in poor housing, the freedom to be unemployed, sick, hungry, and dependent, but the freedom to enjoy the fruits of life which we in America can, if we will, provide in abundance for all of our people."

"We in AVC have a mission: to tell the world that you can have security and initiative, security and freedom; that, in fact, you cannot have either initiative, progress, or freedom unless you do have the security that comes from knowing that our highly complex society can and does make provision for those of its members who, without fault of their own, have been less fortunate than their fellows."

"It has become increasingly clear that we shall wait long for progress if we depend on others to arrange it for us. The task is ours. We would prefer to share it with larger, more powerful groups, but they refuse to take it on, and we have to do it ourselves. It is ours because we are the only veterans group—and one of the very few groups of any kind—capable and willing to handle it. It is an awesome and impressive task, not made for cynics and doubters or for those who give up easily. It requires, in the words of our past National Chairman, a heroic act of faith. It requires more. It requires the willingness to apply ourselves, to work hard. It requires the ability to plan realistically, execute efficiently, select wise policies and elect good leaders. It requires rededication to the principles and purposes of AVC,

Convention Of Confidence

"I said at the outset that this was not an apologetic convention. That was true. But it is also a negative definition. What is the positive approach? What kind of a Convention is this? My answer to you is that it is, in a more real sense than any of our previous Conventions, a Convention of Confidence; confidence that our objectives are right; confidence that our goals are achievable; confidence that we have the intelligence, the ability, and—most of all—the guts to fulfill our purposes; confidence that we are here to stay and to grow; confidence that on the work of the past year and the preceding years we can and will build a newer, bigger, better structure during the next year; confidence in ourselves and in our land and its institutions, which make it possible for us to assert ourselves and make ourselves effective; confidence that if there is to be a better world, it is up to us to make it so; and confidence that we can do the job."

Conclusion

"This administration takes leave of you with the firm conviction that it has served our organization to the best of its ability. We leave to our successors a small but vigorous and effective AVC, a group which has surmounted the greatest of difficulties and has remained intact, a group which today—for the first time in years—is organically sound and financially solvent, a group which is healthier, more dynamic, and more capable of greatness than ever before."

"In planning our course for 1950, Indiana AVC will not retreat from its principles or its purpose. It will not be content to stand still and rest on its achievements during the past year. Indiana AVC looks to the future with confidence, determination, and hope."

"In the fight which is ahead of us—just as in the work that is now past, you and I will always be together. It has been a great honor to serve you."

Streams Feed The Sea Of Life



AVC'er Directs Fiery Blast At Public Housing Foes

Martin L. Larner, Housing Chairman of Indianapolis No. 1 of the American Veterans Committee, lashed out this month in a fiery criticism at opponents of Indianapolis public housing proposals. Coming to the defense of Harry V. Wade, head of the recently created Indianapolis Public Housing Authority, who appeared before the Indianapolis City Council to recommend immediate construction of 2,000 dwelling units for persons in low income brackets, Mr. Larner declared, "The time is long overdue for the Construction League and the Indianapolis Real Estate Board to put up or shut up. They keep yelling for more surveys, more 'evidence' and so forth, but they have never offered that first bit of proof they are doing anything whatsoever to build dwellings for people who make less than fifty dollars a week, which incidentally

is almost half of the people of this city."

Continuing, Mr. Larner said, "Throughout the long battle to bring a Public Housing Authority to Indianapolis, AVC and other proponents for public housing brought forth the evidence compiled by social agencies and the marketing survey made by a local daily newspaper. All this evidence pointed to a shortage of 20,000 housing units, with one-third of the existing dwellings considered to be substandards. Mr. Abrams and Mr. Savage and their groups failed to disprove those findings then, and as a result a Housing Authority was created by the City Council in a democratic manner."

"Those groups aren't in any better position today to offset those facts, so they continue to conduct their ill-considered attempts to subvert the will of the majority by calling for more 'evidence'. As far as they are concerned, people in Indianapolis making less than fifty dollars per week evidently do not exist, except as the recipients of 'hand-me-down' housing, at outrageous rentals, that is already well on the way to becoming a slum. If they have a sincere regard for people in such circumstances, then I suggest that Mr. Abrams and Mr. Savage present a little evidence of their own of any housing whatsoever that has been built in the almost four and one-half years since the war, that will rent for \$25-\$35 a month."

"Failing to do so, we suggest that the real estate interests instead consider the experience of many cities who have created public housing without harming private housing. Such undertakings have given thousands of families new hope and literally thousands of children a vastly improved opportunity to become good citizens."

Names And Addresses Of New State Officers

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GRINS

First tramp: "This is the first cigar I've had in three weeks."

Second tramp: "What's been the trouble?"

First: "Had lumbago and couldn't bend over."

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ENLIGHTENING THE LAW

A policeman in a southern town entered a lodge hall, confronted the portly secretary and said: "What's this I hear about you threatening to carve Rastus Jackson up with a knife?"

"Rastus Jackson?" echoed the gawking secretary. "Why all I done told him was dat eff'n he didn't pay his lodge dues, I was goin' to dismember him."

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WORLD WISE

An old farmer was talking to his hired man.

"I don't hold with all this new-fangled stuff they're teaching the kids in school nowadays," he said. "My kid came home the other day and said they taught him that the world was round."

"But the world is round," said the hired hand.

"See there!" said the old farmer. "They've even got you believing it."

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Upon being offered some roast chicken, Sam accepted a drumstick.

"Now, Sam, would you like some of this nice stuffing?" asked his mother.

"No, thank you," he replied. And after a thoughtful moment, added, "And I don't see why the chickens eat it either."

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BETTER QUALIFIED

The doctor had for a patient a stubborn, self-opinionated man who disregarded most of his advice and diet rules. After the third visit, with no improvement in the man's condition, the doctor blew up. "I cannot understand your mulish attitude," he snapped. "I have done all that I could for you, but you refuse to follow my directions. I suggest that in the future, you consult Dr. X down the street."

"Why, that man is a veterinary!" the stubborn one exclaimed.

"I am well aware of the fact," the doctor replied. "Good-day, sir!"

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MODEST WISH

A man, frantic to locate a place to live, asked a naturalist if he knew where he could find a house.

The naturalist replied: "House? Boy, you're getting soft. Why don't you live out in the open air, let old Mother Nature cover you with a blanket of stars, and have the blue firmament above as a roof?"

"Frankly," said the man, "I had in mind something a bit smaller."

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RESTRAINT

Tommy had been given the job of sweeping the snow from a neighbor's front door. After he had completed the task, the neighbor pressed a coin in his hand. Tommy looked at it, but not a word passed his lips.

"Now, Tommy," said the neighbor, "what should a little boy say when he has been given a nickel for sweeping the snow away?"

"Daddy says I mustn't use that kind of language," said the little boy.

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P R Again—

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I deeply regret what appears to me a definite absence of impartiality by the Editors of the Bulletin on the relative merits of this issue of PR.

Bernie Bellush
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EDITORIAL: Word Worries And The Welfare State

It is inevitable that the atmosphere of fear our newspapers, magazines and radio stations have helped to create would reflect itself in our use of just plain words. To our public officials, for example, the very mention of the word "socialism" or "welfare state" is sufficient to set up a chain reaction of fierce denials. As evidence, we submit the performance of Senator Homer Capehart and Congressman Andrew Jacobs in their recent state tour... occasionally referred to as a debate. These gentlemen seemed especially sensitive and word-shy when it came to facing up to our past governmental performances and present economic controversies. They ran from the very words that would properly categorize those things... ex-

cept when such reference was in scathing rebuke and seemed likely to score a point against the opposition. Those words were "socialism" and "welfare state."

This tendency to be afraid of something falling into the bracket of "welfare state" or "socialism" is in the ascendancy in Indiana and throughout the nation. For political reasons... and otherwise... people have placed themselves on the defensive, and have hedged or denied much that is rooted in fact. This fear of the truth in words that describe social developments enshrouds basic issues in mass confusion, and actually tends to split our personalities.

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POLICY.....

"But words are things,
And a small drop of ink
Falling, like dew upon
A thought produces
That which makes thousands
Perhaps millions, think."
Lord Byron

At these prices, it isn't often you'll get poetry in this publication, we warn you. But this is the initial issue of a new journalistic venture, so what the heck—the sky's the limit.

Mr. Byron had something there, we believe. It's our contention, however, that those "small drops of ink" are being used too often right here in Indiana for the purpose of conjuring up an attitude that would in time drastically curtail ink consumption . . . except for a harried and clandestine blob here and there.

Being ardent advocates of increased ink consumption (both as to quantity and quality) we therefore plan to present a point of view that differs substantially from that. As Byron suggests, we propose to offer evidence which will encourage people to think . . . think of all men as their brothers instead of advocating economic and intellectual shackles that, on the contrary, serve to constrict . . . limit . . . outlaw . . . a "dangerous" thought, merely because it is different from the status quo.

As "Citizen First, Veterans Second," AVC'ers have always maintained that a free, healthy society could only be achieved by a greater and more equitable distribution of the world's goods among those who produce them, and that a person also has the right to think what he jolly well pleases, without fear of reprisal. Such a combination, AVC says, can whip the britches off any totalitarian philosophy in existence.

We believe there are many people in Indiana who think as AVC does . . . and that they would be interested in reading articles designed to make this idealism become a reality. "The Indiana Veteran" is, therefore, to serve throughout Indiana as a rallying ground for what is usually termed liberal thought.

Such thought is admittedly a toughie to define, and we just don't have the wisdom to provide a thorough, yet concise, definition. However, if you'll string along with a broad category, we'd say it to be the desire to extend human rights when such comes in conflict with property privileges. Liberal, we have noted, is usually referred to in quotation marks by most newspapers, as though it were a slang expression of some kind. We shall endeavor to keep our concept several notches above that technique, even when referring

LILLIAN SMITH.....

We had the rare opportunity to visit recently with Lillian Smith, charming authoress of "Strange Fruit" and "Killers of the Dream," in between several eloquent addresses she made in Indianapolis on behalf of the brotherhood of man. Actually, we're not entirely correct in that statement because as "Miss Lil" emphasized several times during her visit here, "Ah'm not a social crusader. Ah'm an authah."

But while Miss Smith may not choose to be that, her five-foot frame thoroughly embodies what proves to be a bulwark of tremendous strength in the battle against racial prejudice and discrimination. This is inevitable because of how and what she writes and says.

"Killers of the Dream," her most recent book, is a devastating essay of novel length in which she makes a relentless psycho-analysis of the Southern white. Learned behavior regarding sin, sex and segregation, her book says with great authority and unrestraint, has come in conflict with the ideals of democracy with mass schizophrenia the result. This split personality (which is not confined to the South) kills its possessor just as surely as it murders the dream of democracy. It is a powerfully written book that is over-strong medicine for the gradualists and pantywaists.

Miss Smith is equally effective on a speaker's rostrum. As a matter of fact, her speech before a luncheon group sponsored by AVC probably contained more impact than any words uttered regarding human behavior in Indianapolis in a long time.

But her manner was disarming. Diminutive, white haired, and equipped with a built-in Georgian drawl, she stood her full sixty inches and unfolded thoughts that radiated with compact, devastating punches. And the harder she hit, the more she smiled.

Minus the smile and personality, we'd wager her remarks would sound downright radical. She called for a world government, ardently supported psycho-analysis, spoke of sex and love as though they were things we shouldn't be ashamed of, and declared people everywhere were brothers and that they'd better begin to act like it . . . while there was still time.

Yes sir, that's what she said. We'll swear to it. And her listeners seemed to absorb the blows to their bridgework in pretty good shape. It was the smile that did it. We understand, though, that dental business around town was brisk for several days thereafter.

to that same "free press." Wups, there we go . . . goofing off already.

MONEY**The Indiana 'Soak The Poor' Tax** Gross Income Tax vs. Net Income Tax

By IRWIN KATZ

(Editor's Note: The 1950 state platform of AVC call for abolition of the current State Gross Income Tax and the creation of a Net Income Tax. This is the first in a series of articles examining the numerous inequities that exist under the present plan and what can be done about them.)

On or before January 31, 1950, you paid your Indiana State Gross Income Tax. You griped a little, at the time, perhaps, but a week later you had probably forgotten all about it.

But, actually you had a lot to gripe about. You not only paid your share of the maintenance of the State government but for R. C. A.'s share, Carnegie-Illinois Steel's share, Studebaker's share, Eli Lilly's share and the share of many other corporations because these corporations do not pay any gross income tax on their shipments outside the State.

"That don't seem fair," you say. Well, let's look into it.

The Indiana Gross Income Tax came into being in 1933, passed by a legislature which was controlled by the then governor, Paul V. McNutt, a Democrat. It resulted from the pressure of various groups for the revision of the tax structure that was in existence at that time. The major force behind the move was the Indiana Farm Bureau which was seeking to relieve the farmers of what was considered an excessive property tax burden.

The proponents of tax revision actually favored a Net Income Tax to replace the property taxes and even succeeded in having a Constitutional Amendment to that effect passed by the State Legislature. Although the amendment won popular ratification, it was declared lost through some technicality. As a result of the court fight that followed (in re Todd), the popular ratification was upheld and we may assume that it is now legal for the state to levy a net income tax any time it finds

it necessary.

It is difficult to determine why the McNutt Administration preferred a Gross Income Tax. Politicians have a habit of speaking out of both sides of their mouth and reasons become confusing if viewed from a logical premise. However, the McNutt Administration had a record of lending a willing ear to the Chambers of Commerce, so it may be fair to assume that had something to do with it. When some people objected to the Gross Income Tax, the McNutt administration offered the argument that "it pays for better schools, welfare measures, old age assistance, etc.," completely ignoring the fact that any revenue measure accomplishes the same fact. As far as can be determined, the only argument for the gross income tax is that it seems to be easy to administer—no deductions to be concerned with, no depreciation complications, etc.

On the other hand, the arguments against the gross income tax are many. Fundamentally, the gross income tax is contrary to the basic concept of American taxation—taxation based on ability to pay. Under the existing law, a head of a family of four is called upon to pay the same as a taxpayer with no dependents. The tax is the same—1 percent—for a taxpayer who earns \$3,000 a year as for one who earns \$100,000 per year.

The tax is discriminatory against corporations in interstate commerce in favor of corporations in interstate commerce who pay no tax on their sales outside the state. Finally, despite the appellation of income tax to this tax, a businessman pays the tax whether he does . . . or does not . . . earn any profit, because the tax is levied on sales and not on profits.

It is interesting to note that the Indiana Gross Income Tax is unusual in that no other State has one like it. There are good possibilities that this "soak the poor" tax can be replaced by the more

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equitable net income tax. Numerous state Net Income Tax laws are now on the statute books throughout the nation. The State of Pennsylvania has one of the simplest. The taxpayer—that's you—is asked only to report the amount that he has paid as Federal Income Tax and the State tax is simply a percentage of the Federal tax. For corporations that operate in interstate commerce, most states levy a tax on the total income and then adjust the tax in the proportion that their assets in the state bear to the total assets. (More about this in a future article.)

While the tendency to maintain the "status quo" is an all too frequent occurrence in Indiana, it is the opinion of the writer that a net income tax may be looked upon with more favor by the Legislature than is generally supposed due to the fact that the present tax does not yield sufficient revenue to meet current needs, and that it will become increasingly inadequate to meet the mounting demands of the State government. There is very strong opposition to any further increase in the gross tax, as was evident last year in the bonus financing discussions.

As this need for more adequate taxation increases, the chances for the passage of a net income tax become brighter. The Schricker administration proposal for a "privilege tax" on State industries who sell outside of the State is of doubtful constitutionality and has met with strong business and industry opposition.

A strong and well organized campaign for a new tax structure with the Net Income Tax as a base can gain wide support. Even the farmers, many of whom have been most favorable to the Gross Income Taxes because the very nature of their transactions enable them to escape payment more easily, may eventually support a Net Income Tax. The farmers will be more receptive now because the Revenue Department has been making a careful check on tax delinquents which resulted in a large influx of revenue from the rural areas. Too, more of them are beginning to realize the common aims they share with city laboring men. Labor, undoubtedly will support a Net Income Tax and retailers and small businessmen should like it better once adequate information has been provided them because their tax burden would now be shared with the large State industries in interstate commerce who are now riding the gravy train.

The fight for a Net Income Tax will be a long one—but it can be won by a combination of the forces outlined above.

(Next Issue: What A State Net Income Tax Will Mean To The Workingman.)

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Jack Henry Harris, American, And Fair Employment Practices

By LOUIS B. GREENBERG

Jack Henry Harris, American, needs a job. Jack served during the recent hot war; then acquired a graduate degree from the State University.

What is Jack H. Harris? Well, he's an American, with special skills, training, interests and capacities. To a given task he applies himself wholeheartedly. A creative research chemist, turn him loose in a well-appointed laboratory and he'll just about forget the outside world, as he goes about working out some of his hunches.

Wait a minute. Is that what you meant when you asked, "What is Jack Harris?" It's the **what** that reveals proficiency,—the one kind of data really vital to a prospective employer, except specific details as to courses, grades, achievements, references. Such information is readily available under a Fair Employment Practices law.

There are other "whats"—like "what" religion—"what" color and race—"what" ancestral nationality origin, etc. Indiana's law, since it is without any enforcement provisions, does not prevent an employer from demanding these "what": Are you Protestant, Jew or Catholic? Are you Negro, Japanese, Indian. Are you Mexican, Argentinian, French or Swiss?" He can insist that Jack tell him where in the world his forebears originated, and where Jack first saw the light of day. In eight American states the law declares,

"It shall be an unlawful employment practice, except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification certified by the commission, for any employer, employment agency, or labor organization, prior to employment or admission to membership, to elicit any information concerning the race, color, creed, national origin, or ancestry of any applicant for employment or membership . . ."

Objectively, what is the employer's real concern? Is he engaging a man or woman to do a job, or just what is he seeking? In a land which heralds its 'equality of opportunity for all' does he have legitimate concern with criteria other than those directly affecting employability? Is it industrial—commercial personnel to be engaged in a democratic-republic, or a social register compiled in a snobocracy, which should prevail?

Well, what happens to Jack? Born in this beloved state, no Hoosier could have loved his nation more nor felt greater pride in its institutions. Jack prepared himself in Indiana's free schools and colleges for life's challenges and processes. There was joy in his heart when he sang, "America, God shed His grace on thee, and Crowned thy good with Brotherhood," and again when he proudly proclaimed the Pledge of Allegiance to "One Na-

tion, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

Jack listened attentively, along with his fellow-students, when teachers, assembly and convocation speakers stressed these ideas. He could never forget these precious words:

"Here in the United States we live where there is equality of opportunity. A man may rise from a log cabin to the presidency. Before the laws, the courts and institutions of this free land, all are equal. Unlike Europe and the Orient, we engage in no caste-lines or ancestral worship. The only title to which an American can be born is "Mister," "Miss" or "Misses." Here we recognize men and women for **what** they are, in terms of human merit, and not because of **whom** their relatives may be. Each of you is the torch-bearer of freedom, in which your own future will be determined only by considerations such as how you apply your skills and abilities."

When Jack read the United States Constitution, he found affirmation of these concepts in his country's fundamental law. The Fourteenth Amendment stipulates:

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which shall abridge the privileges of immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. . . The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

In the Fifteenth Amendment he discovered the same guarantee for voting, as the right of citizens, which "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Jack was convinced that the founding fathers of his nation meant equality of opportunity rather than equal ability when they penned in those sacred words of the Declaration of Independence that "all men are equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Jack knew that these were the things that counted in this free land. When enlistments were sought Jack volunteered. Serving with valor, he was decorated for meritorious service, over and beyond the call of duty. Returning to the campus he enrolled in graduate studies. With his degree came special honors for scientific research and achievement. To make up for some of his time away overseas, he married Esther, his high school sweetheart. Richard and Judith proved blessed dividends of this marital merger.

Getting ready for his professional career, Jack noted with interest the arrival at various intervals of field men from some of the nation's biggest industries, seeking leads' on top student talents. When one after another shoulder of his colleagues, who had ranked below him, was tapped, while Jack just didn't seem to be what they were seeking, he wondered: "Is this a country club, fraternity or American industry looking for human material?" With just a trace of bitterness, Jack asked himself: "Maybe I made a mistake in choosing my parents? But then children know nothing about bigotry when they're first born."

Jack couldn't believe this was the real American pattern, because it made a lie of all that he had been taught to believe in school about his precious land. Unable to accept the notion that private industry has not public responsibility, Jack knew that men could live only if permitted to earn a livelihood. Aware that a man can make his greatest social contribution in the field for which he is best equipped, Jack returned to his home town, determined to launch his career.

Jack's hopes were revived quickly, for here was situated one of the nation's greatest chemical laboratories. He quickly presented his credentials, greatly encouraged after hearing from employment channels that this firm was looking all over the country for people with just these particular

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skills. The answer came: "Sorry, we do not have an opening just now where we can place you. We'll let you know should something develop later."

Jack almost bit his pipe stem in two as he walked away from the personnel office. He knew that, during the war, there had been Executive Order 9346, "to promote the fullest utilization of all available manpower, and to eliminate discriminatory employment practices." This had been a major step in the winning of the war. Jack asked himself: "Must we be at war before we recognize the importance of utilizing to the fullest possible advantage our nation's manpower? Must men be engaged in wholesale slaughter before we note the value of human resources?" Jack was determined to fight in peace as he had in war for the ideals and the values which, he firmly believed, constituted America's richest heritage as a nation. He would not apathetically waive principles so precious to the future which awaited Richard and Judith. He had fought to safeguard and strengthen liberties which he was not yet fully to enjoy. Since he had returned alive, he knew this fight could not be abandoned.

Somewhere he read from a majority opinion of the United States Supreme Court, delivered in 1915, in which Mr. Justice Hughes spoke for the Court: "It requires no argument to show that the right to work for a living in the common occupations of the community is of the very essence of the personal freedom and opportunity that it was the purpose of the (Fourteenth) Amendment to secure." (Truax v. Raich, 239 U. S. 33, p. 41). Only a single justice dissented from this majority opinion.

Jack and Esther began to work with groups fighting for the principles enunciated in the Fair Employment Practice laws of eight states and in the basic traditions of Indiana and the nation. There were AVC and Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), NAACP and the Indiana Council for Civil and Human Rights, and other groups before whom these ideas must be presented and viewed. This was a fight they were making for Richard and Judith, their own children, and for all children and adults.

Meanwhile, Jack's personal life found him involved in his father's modest business. It was a salvage firm, important to industry but requiring only rudimentary skills. What about the training Jack received from our institutions of learning? Well, unlike the machinery in our huge industrial plants, it was thrown on the scrap-heap without first being utilized. In the laboratory he might have developed some wonder drug to save the lives of victims of some now incurable malady. As an American citizen he now devoted himself to the political and legislative laboratory for laws and other measures to reduce the number of victims of bigotry, segregation, discrimination, and

other social maladies which afflict the body politic.

Jack and Esther resolved to keep their morale and mental health, even if the world had seemed to turn upside down. They knew how many homes were wrecked by such frustrations and maladjustments, leading to divorce and delinquency.

Jack and his family are the heart of our fine human stock. Are they to be put on the social scrap-heap? Is mankind to be impoverished and denied the skills of our Jack Harris and his vast army of prototypes? Occasionally a Percy L. Julian or a David Lillienthal is permitted to serve society, although the margin between opportunity and denial for such personalities is much more minute than generally recognized. However, it should not be necessary for a Jack Henry Harris to be richly endowed in order for society to avail itself of whatever skills and abilities he may have to offer.

Each man should be able to place his wares upon the employment market-place, and none should be denied the right to earn a living by the sweat of the brow because of extraneous considerations,—such as race, religion or nationality. Let each present his or her gifts to society, and let society reward each according to their respective gifts!

What answer are we to make to Jack Henry Harris—Fair or Unfair Employment Practices?

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same intensity for the next few days, as did two more front page editorials which blamed Mr. Lewis exclusively. The miners returned to work for three weeks on November 10th and little appeared during that period. On Tuesday, November 22nd, though, Maurice Early contacted an Indianapolis coal yard official and reported in his "The Day In Indiana" that those humanitarian souls were already accumulating a surplus in their yards as a safeguard against further strikes. This was just nine work days after Early's paper had reported six cities in the state as being without coal, with Indianapolis schools threatening to close amid the "crisis." Never in all history had so much been mined for so many by so few . . . evidently.

On December 2nd, the man with the bushy eyebrows ordered his men to work three days per week, and the Star followed the next day with an article entitled "Are Americans Cowards?" One man, it said, was causing "many Americans to be without heat, light, or transportation." This, I presume, was an editorial, although I must confess it is rather difficult at times for me to tell when the Star is sounding the alarm via an editorial and when it is just giving its version in a news story as to what actually happened.

For almost two weeks, sex and Russia kept the front page so well stoked that it took a headline "City Faces Coal Crisis" on December 15th to get John L. back into the limelight. "Indianapolis," the lead sentence declared, "is down to a two or three day coal supply." Next day came the information that a cold snap which sent temperatures to ten above for two days had "swamped coal dealers with orders." It was neat psychological timing. My coal informant, though, tells me it's a poor firemen indeed who needs to add more than a lump or two per day to his normal furnace allotment during such atmospheric adventures . . . hardly enough for a fellow to get his ashes all in an uproar.

The "two or three day supply" somehow seemed to struggle along until Jep Cadou, Jr. reported "Coal Crisis Races Near," two weeks later. By then, I'd personally consider it a pretty dull race, indeed, but Mr. Cadou, in a purportedly factual account, declared in his lead paragraph that "Just about everybody . . . even Democrats . . . thinks the President should put the miners back on a five day week."

But the miners were doing all right on just three days according to my source of information. (Different from Mr. Cadou's.) My coal dealer friend showed he had received 50 percent more coal during December, 1949, than he did in December, 1948. He said he guessed that "some people might have wanted to convince the public that a crisis existed so Mr. Truman wouldn't ask Congress to repeal the Taft-Hartley law in his January message to Congress."

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ened into a month, but on January 12th came a headline "Fuel Substitute Kills Two," telling of two unfortunate infants who had lost their lives when parents had burned battery cases for fuel. The inference was that the sad event had just transpired and that the miners were to blame, although it is a matter of record that the State Board of Health cautions people yearly about such risky fuel economies as battery cases because there are always people who try to save money this way. Reading down into the body of the article, I found one of the children had died a full month before, sometime during a December week in which my friend alone received 1,500 tons of coal in the state capital. Nevertheless, a week later, on January 19th, the Star reported Senator Bill Jenner, (R., Ind.) the man whom Washington correspondents selected as "next-to-the-worst-man in the Senate," as standing in the halls of Congress and holding the Star headlines aloft as "evidence" against Lewis.

On Tuesday, January 17th, as miners were beginning their newest six week strike a seven column headline said "Schools May Close Friday," but when Friday came I couldn't find the word "coal" mentioned anywhere on the front page. As a matter of fact, local schools, factories, and just plain citizens somehow struggled along for 23 more days before a mention. This one said "Coal Hits 27 Year Low," and the Star used this as the impetus the following day for its sixth editorial in three months demanding "union monopoly and one-man rule" be broken. (The "one-man" was John L. and I KNOW this one was an editorial. It said so.)

By February 17th, complete and utter chaos appeared imminent when the top article in the Star pronounced "Postponement of the Indiana High School basketball tournament because of the coal shortage was expected to be ordered today at an emergency conference in the office of Governor Henry Schricker." This was serious. But the reporter was obviously a foreigner who knew little of Hoosier mores because word came from the conference on the morrow that the tourney would somehow proceed.

A week later, there appeared a dramatic account of how local coal merchants were banding together in a program of volunteer rationing as the paper stated "Indiana coal supplies were being measured by the lump last night." The "knights of the coal lump" were coming to the rescue, all right. And about time, too since it had been exactly 72 days since these same fellows had first been quoted in the Star as saying the coal supply would last "two or three days." Indianapolis schools finally closed on February 28th, six weeks after the Star had reported them as having a ten-day supply.

As an editor I'd begin to wonder . . . as did most people . . . how it was possible to continue

to get coal for such a long time when little or none was being mined. A feature story objectively probing into the innards of the thing would have revealed that new machinery since the war has made it possible to mine 840,000,000 tons annually as compared to 450,000,000 tons in peak production just ten years ago. A decade ago, too, nine-tenths of all fuel consumers used coal, but today oil and gas have cut the percentage to about two-thirds. Increased production and lessening demand . . . no one has ever invented a quicker way than to create a surplus. And Lewis will probably be back next year with a prolonged strike, seeking what he missed this year . . . a guarantee of 200 work days per year to gain some measure of security for the coal miners.

It seems logical too, that after so long a time the editors would have noticed the serious contradictions to which they gave voice time and again and would have ceased to base their stories and headlines on such unreliable news sources. Had they turned to their classified ad page, for example, they would have seen that it wasn't until the final week that coal dealers failed to advertise coal for sale.

In addition if they had sent reporters out to dig up new and interesting angles, they might have found such people as my friend. He, for example, turned his records over to me and I totaled up shipments which showed he had actually received more coal in February than he had in January . . . and almost as much as he had in December. And the day the strike ended he had 200 tons of coal in his yard with "more on the way." There was the news . . . the real scoop . . . for a newspaper, as I see it. And I don't think there is a reporter in existence who would deny it.

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EDITORIAL

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For example it is obvious that some of the New Deal legislation and portions of the Fair Deal program are trends toward "socialism." Let's face it. Moreover, and more specifically, they are "welfare state" measures . . . an apt description of moves made for the welfare of the people. However, we see nothing wrong in such objectives . . . despite how unpopular they might become because of some label.

Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Public Housing, Wage and Hour laws and Farm legislation are all "welfare" measures and represent a mild move toward "socialism." Time, however, has mellowed those things so that they have become so respectable that they have gained acceptance by even ardent conservatives.

Today, the names have changed, but the issues remain the same. The Brannan Farm plan, Health Insurance, extension of Housing loan privileges to more people, repeal of Taft-Hartley all fall into the same category. They are evidences of a growing awareness for collective action and a concern for the general welfare.

If we dare harken back to the beginnings of our nation, we find in such words as "promote the general welfare," an aim basic enough to be written into our Constitution. A clarification of present fears is needed by all of us. We must not allow ourselves to be chased to cover merely because something is called "socialistic" or because some persons try to sneer it into disrepute with the cry of "welfare state."

They are probably right . . . or partially so. And we must admit it. Our job is not to fear the name, or to weaken our position by trying to deny it. Our strength resides in our ability to decide whether the specific legislation under examination tends to distribute more of the world's goods among more people.

And let the words fall where they will.

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MILITANT

We noted with interest this recent newspaper item:

Washington, (UP)—The Federal Trade Commission today ordered Nix Cosmetics Co., of Memphis, Tenn., to stop advertising its Nanette Hormone Cream as a bust developer.

In view of the serious purpose to which this magazine is dedicated, we wish to comment briefly. We believe this Governmental attitude on developments to be downright dangerous. It seems likely to encourage a cynical resort to "false frontism" by those who heretofore have made honest attempts to put forth . . . realistically . . . more fundamental things.

If our view seems extreme at first reading, please remember ours is to be a militant publication and as such will always be ready to take a position on breastworks.

AVC POTPOURRI

We see where top brass of a top brass vets outfit says that all "bona fide" veterans organizations are united in their condemnation of the Hoover Commission's report re the VA. What's to be bona fide? Isn't it enough, Sir, to be an organization of honorably discharged veterans devoted to the welfare of their country and all the people in it?

Colleges and universities are again becoming predominantly non-veteran. Still, the IU chapter seems to be healthier than ever. More new names keep popping up from down there. Roy Brooks is the new treasurer of the chapter, Bob Plotkin, the secretary, and Dr. C. L. Lundin, the new vice-chairman. Fred Sondermann, last year's state chairman, wields the gavel. If you live in Bloomington, you'll like knowing these guys. Ask one of them sometime what AVC is.

Elmer Ward reports that the Anderson Urban League has been running a column in the Anderson HERALD entitled, "The Democratic Way of Life," plugging the duties and privileges of living in a democracy. The week of March 13, the League observed "Vocational Opportunity Week," with vocational opportunities for Negro youth getting the principal play.

We're just like anybody else department: The social calendars of AVC chapters are getting marks all over. The Bloomington Chapter is planning a whole series of shin-digs. So is Indianapolis No. 1. It sounds good to those of us who remember the long nights of intellectual taffy pulling a few years back. Give us the dope on these affairs. We just might have a spare evening one of these weeks.

Indianapolis No. 1 has shifted its weekly Tuesday luncheons from the Central "Y" to the Senate Avenue "Y". Same time, 12:15. Irv Fink, Clayton Wallin, Sanford Ramsey, and Bert Gardner have developed a new wrinkle. They still have outside speakers for special occasions. In between, however, AVC'ers are giving on what they know most about. They have a lot to offer. So, if you're a member of AVC, any chapter, and you have a yearning to talk about you and what you do, drop around. You may never again have an opportunity to see so many guys so still for so long. Drop around whether you're an AVC'er or not. We like company.

Have you voted on PR yet? In a recent letter, Link Lauterstein, New York, takes exception to Bernie Bellush's defense of PR in the "Voice" and expresses fear that not enough of us may vote to make any decision valid.

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PR was designed, says Link to guarantee minority representation on legislative bodies. NPC is not a legislative body. NPC members must speak for AVC, not for fractions—or factions—of AVC. NPC members are scattered; it's difficult for all of them to attend all meetings. Consequently, it might be easy for the minority to control NPC, at times wag the dog. Their representation at a given NPC meeting might be out of proportion to "the actual strength of such minority in the organization." PR, he says, invites the establishment of rigid majority and minority groups. "It invites perpetuation of caucuses and log rolling. AVC, in its entirety, is a minority group. To establish a system of voting which puts a premium upon schism is to do a great disservice to AVC."

Arnie Feldman, Southern District Vice-Chairman, and a member of the Bloomington Chapter, has spoken on two Town Hall forums in Bloomington. Subjects—civil rights and electoral college reform.

Fred Sondermann (you can't keep these boys down) discussed national health insurance at an Anderson College convo the other day.

Want to join AVC? Chapters are blossoming in Bloomington, Indianapolis, Muncie, Anderson, South Bend and East Chicago.

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EDITORIAL: The Freedom To Use Freedom

On July 4, 1950, we celebrate the 174th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It would do well for all of us, especially the members of Congress, to read the Declaration in its entirety and try to live up to its noble tenets.

In our day of "witch-hunts," "red-herrings," seizure without search warrants, etc., we should take time to examine the climate in which we are now living. We make such a big to-do about our rights and freedoms, but what we tend to forget is that as soon as a person tries to exercise these rights and freedom, the tendency is to take away his freedom.

Under the Constitutional Amendments passed immediately after the Civil War, the Negro was assured certain rights. In many Southern states, however, if a Negro attempted to exercise those rights, he would be lynched or suffer some lesser punishment. The same is true of a Communist or, yes, even a Socialist who we are told has the right to believe in his particular ideology. But if he proceeds to exercise this right, so many people want to take those rights away, deprive the person of his livelihood and encourage social ostracism because the person was utilizing this fundamental right.

In order to protect the ideals set forth so ably by Thomas Jefferson in the Independence Declaration, we have a militant responsibility to support the rights of all, no matter how much we disagree with their point of view. It does no good to say "it serves them right" because we may be next and

someone else will be providing the dialogue of "it serves them right."

Too often, AVC has measured the situation by what is "politic," rather than expressing itself fearlessly for what we know in our hearts to be right in democratic concepts. It is about time we stopped talking out of both sides of our mouth. When Paul Robeson is denied a hotel room in Indianapolis because he is a Negro, we must protest just as strongly as we would if our own Robert Ming, National Vice-Chairman, was found in the same predicament. When Ben Cohen, Marion County Communist Party leader, is denied the right to speak before the City Council, we must make our voice heard in protest just as eloquently as though Martin Lerner were denied the same right.

On a national level, AVC has been the leader in the fight on the McCarthy's, Rankins, etc. The National Planning Committee's statement on Senator McCarthy received national attention because it said what so many people would have liked to say, but were afraid. This, of course, was a comparatively mild example, with not too much of a reprisal to be feared, since McCarthy has gradually lost stature, anyway.

But what AVC has done on a national level should serve as a symbol of the leadership we must assume in applying our civil rights program to our local situation.

We must provide that leadership, not for the sake of others . . . but for the sake of ourselves. For when we protect the rights of others, we are protecting our own rights.

INTERNATIONAL

Two German girls visited Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana recently and created quite a furor when it was reported they stated they were disappointed at the slums they found in New York City and advocated solving the cold war by giving candy bars to the Russian soldiers.

That, of course, is something of an over-simplification of the report which Lester Hunt, a propagandist for the Indianapolis Star, presented following an interview with the young ladies, but those were two of the principal points which seemed to make them suspect of not submitting completely to our current attitude of nationalism.

The young ladies became the focal point for the Hunt hatchet just shortly before they were slated to make a stop in Indianapolis as part of their nation-wide tour designed to see "how democracy works." The Indianapolis social agency, which was to sponsor the visit to the Hoosier Capitol, hastily withdrew the invite, and our informant states the reason was because of the fear of antagonizing some well-heeled contributors to the agency, who might not like this "dangerous" expression of opinion.

Although we're not at all certain, we assume the girls' attitude reflected a lack of faith in this nation. And we'll have them know, by golly, that they've no right to be disappointed in our slums. If we knowed they was coming, we could have showed them some perhaps more to their liking right here in Indiana.

As for their candy suggestion to halt the cold war, which was termed "naive," we think the Star should have been even more severe. It may well be that those girls are involved in an insidious plot to mis-direct more American goods. Why waste candy on those fellows when a better bargain may be in the offing. We recall some rather uninhibited G. I. moments in Europe when a bar of chocolate purchased something far more exciting than an unshaven Volga boatman. (We don't know from personal experi-

ence, understand. We only happened to hear some of the older boys talking.)

McCARTHY

We read in a local propaganda outlet recently a report which stated the National Planning Committee of AVC had voted to call for impeachment proceedings to be launched against Senator Joseph McCarthy because of his "character assassination" measures and other tactics.

Our opinion (which our relatives consider to be of immeasurable importance) is that the NPC members were in error. We believe Congress has no right to sit as judge and jury as to the character of those who compose its membership, and that such a job is solely an electoral responsibility of the voters. Wisconsin people, we hope, will take the necessary measures.

Elsewhere in this publication you will find an editorial which indicates a different point of view, and tends to support the NPC. That's the nice thing about a publication like this. If you don't like the point of view expressed on one page, then turn it.

UNION NOW

The air was hot and still in the close confines of the diner where we were sweating out a hurried noon-day meal. Across the way sat a trio of human beings who formed a family unit. The man was Chinese, the woman was a member of that category called the "white race." Between the two, and the center of their devoted attention sat a two-year old female product of their union.

An unusual sight in the center of Hoosierdom, the trio attracted the attention of all the customers. Hurried . . . sporadic . . . but frequent were the glances from the spectators viewing this tangible evidence of world federation.

The Chinese paid his bill (in American nationalized . . . and inflated

. . . currency) and the family left, using the conventional means of motivation. The food consumers went back to the job at hand, and a muttering came from one of the waitresses, who wondered "just what kind of a guy he was, anyway."

"Oh, probably a mess of a bunch of stuff, just like the rest of us, I reckon," was the reply from her comrade, who served our side of the aisle.

We felt so good we left a twenty cent tip.

OUT-HOUSING

We listened in on the conversation of a fellow recently whom we know to labor for a real estate firm and are pleased to report a definite humanitarian trend at work in the property camp. The chap was explaining the woes of his job and unfolded one of his problems and how he had handled it with commendable dispatch. He told a woman who complained of the house in which she had lived for a goodly number of years, and was quite critical of several of its features. She then switched her attack to a smaller . . . and even more antiquated . . . building on the back of the lot.

"The place leaks when it rains," she complained, "and it has for a long time, but you never do anything about it. Now, when I go out there, even my umbrella has begun to leak."

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**HOMER E. CAPEHART:
Profile Of A Conservative**

By FRED A. SONDERMANN

Homer E. Capehart has represented the people of the State of Indiana in the U. S. Senate for more than five years, and apparently he will again be the Republican candidate for Senator. During these five years his record is one of consistent conservatism, with both frontal and oblique attacks upon progressive measures.

To climax a phenomenally successful business career, he sought and obtained the Republican Senatorial nomination in 1944 and put all the energy and vigor at his command into the campaign. He has always tried to appeal to different groups, and is perfectly in character when he says—on one hand "I am a farmer. I have been a farmer all my life," and on the other, "As a businessman I see everything through the eyes of business."

A typical campaign utterance was his remark that the American people "must choose . . . between a Communistic government and a government by constitution under the two-party system." His program was attractive enough. Among other things he came out in favor of bringing the boys home, assistance for veterans, private enterprise and individual initiative, good jobs at good wages, sound financial and agricultural policies, and lasting peace.

As *Time Magazine* put it, he "could not wait to don the togs," and arrived in Washington fully six weeks before the beginning of his Senatorial term and promptly called a press conference. Without false modesty, he felt qualified to serve as an expert on the important Finance, Commerce, Naval and Military Affairs Committees. The reporters were unimpressed; one called him "another Galento, without the punch." The Senate leadership, too, was unimpressed. He landed on a few minor committees.

As Senator he has been fairly diligent, although his attendance record is by no means outstanding. In the first three years he was absent for more than 25 percent of the roll calls. But if his attendance record was not too inspiring, his party regularity was the pride and joy of Republican leadership. More than nine times out of ten, he voted with the majority of his Republican colleagues, a record exceeded only infrequently by any Senator of either party.

He does not make many speeches on the floor of the Senate, and his

strength lies more in close debate than in oratory. Objecting to the long-winded orations of some of his colleagues, he once categorized himself as one of the quiet Senators—"those who sit and think."

He seldom holds the center of the stage or focuses public attention on himself, but he excels in asking questions—penetrating or otherwise. He really was in the public eye only once, in June 1948, when he objected to certain photographs taken as part of a collection by the Farm Security Administration. He thought the pictures were "silly," "ridiculous" and "foolish," and got a two-page spread in "Life."

A confirmed opponent of everything connected with the New and Fair Deal, Senator Capehart has consistently urged that the administration be shorn of many of its vital functions. Thus he would deprive the President of much of his power to negotiate Reciprocal Trade Agreements; he would cut government activities and spending; and he would return atomic energy to the military "where it belongs." The latter stand was probably caused by his strong dislike of David Lilienthal, which caused him to team up with Senator McKellar in as corny a dialogue as was ever heard on the Senate floor. He obtained permission to make some spontaneous and unrehearsed inquiries:

Capehart: "Is it not a fact that . . . all the Communists in America are supporting Lilienthal?"

McKellar: "All of them. . ."

Capehart: "Is it not a fact that the Communists never support anyone they do not like?"

McKellar: ". . . never. . ."

Capehart: ". . . I do not know whether the man is a Communist or not."

McKellar: "I do not either."

Capehart: "But I do not know how we can get away from the facts."

McKellar: "I do not see how any Senator can."

Capehart: "There is a great deal of hypocrisy. . ."

McKellar: "I am not charging anyone with hypocrisy."

Capehart: "Neither am I."

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his, Capehart urged a short while ago that members of the ADA, (including such well-known subversives as Mrs. Roosevelt, Walter Reuther and Senators Humphrey, Douglas and Lehman) be deported from these shores because ADA's official publication had spoken favorably of the British Labor Government. Presumably, they were to be sent "back to England."

One beneficial by-product of deporting political opponents would be that it would ease the housing shortage, of which the Senator takes a dim view. When the Housing Act of 1949 was up for action, he voted for every crippling amendment to emasculate the legislation, including one which would have struck low-rent public housing—the heart of the measure—out of the bill. Then, when his efforts to kill the measure had failed, he turned around and voted for the legislation. He also favored the elimination of rent controls. When asked whether there was a need for rent control in Indianapolis he questioned it very much and felt sure that there would be no need at all for it within 90 days. "One unit now being constructed there," he said, "contains 3,800 apartments, and it will be completed within 90 days, I believe." When a colleague inquired about rentals in the new project, the good Senator declared, "... They are to be low rentals ... I think, **though I can well be wrong**, they are around \$50 to \$60 a month." The Senator was indeed wrong. Meadowbrook Apartments, of which he was taking, contains not 3,800 apartments but 647, rents not for \$50 to \$60 but for \$85 to \$110.

Incidentally, voting for crippling amendments to progressive legislation, but then to vote for the legislation itself is one of Capehart's most favored techniques. He used this tactic on the Federal Aid to Education Act, in Ratification of the UN Charter, and in Extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements, to name but a few instances.

On June 12, 1950, Senator Capehart gave further demonstration of his economic political philosophy when he voted to abolish rent controls. He was joined in this by his fellow Senator from Indiana, Bill Jenner, who, incidentally, was elected by the members of the press in Washington as "next to the worst man in the Senate."

Senator Capehart's record in the field of Civil Rights is ambiguous. He points to the fact that he opposes Southern filibusters and votes for cloture, which is true. But at the same time, he repeatedly proposed that FEPC bills be sent back to committee and has voted against all proposals to facilitate application of cloture. This makes his actions to limit fili-

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busters rather meaningless. The only time last year he really exerted himself in behalf of civil rights was when he supported a non-segregation amendment to the Housing Bill, introduced by the bill's worst foe, Senator Bricker of Ohio. He may have been sincere in his support of non-segregation, but he must have known—as everyone knew—that the amendment was designed to kill the bill by alienating its Southern supporters.

As early as the 1944 campaign he charged that the ultimate purpose of the CIO-PAC was to throw the country into Socialism or Communism, and said that the rank and file of labor "realize that under a socialistic regime they will go the way of the worker in Spain, France, Italy and Germany." His reference to Spain is particularly interesting in view of his later friendly feelings for that country, which in 1948 led him to remark that we might well profit from Spain's experience. "What is wrong with the Franco regime," he inquired, "other than the fact that for years it has been fighting communism?"

As regards to policies toward the laboring man, the Senator, as early as 1945 supported a cut in a much-needed pay increase for federal employees. In successive actions he voted for an emergency strike settlement bill, the Case Labor Bill, a measure barring portal-to-portal pay suits based on a Supreme Court decision, and the Taft-Hartley Act. It occasions no great surprise, therefore, that Labor feels somewhat less than cordial towards him.

Legislation favoring the businessman, on the other hand, has consistently had his friendly backing. Although he claims to dislike monopoly (who doesn't?), he opposed an investigation of the liquor monopoly and favored exempting insurance and railroad companies from anti-trust laws. He also was in favor of turning over the rich tidewater lands to private interests. His views on the tariff are traditionally Republican. "We should charge foreigners for the privilege of selling in (our) market," he said, "in order to protect it." He does not agree "that any inefficient American institution should go out of business if it is unable to compete with the products of foreign countries." He repeated this line once too often. When, in a debate on a Housing measure, he piously prayed "for the day when the Congress of the U. S. will have enough courage to try at least once to solve in an American way some of the problems which confront the country," a challenge slapped him down hard. "I venture to assert" said a Democratic Senator, "that if the tariff bill were before the Senate for protection of . . . big

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Charity is one thing and tax reduction something else, as Capehart aptly pointed out in 1947 when he proposed that, while talking about tax reduction and money, we should forget the humanitarian aspects in regards to the spending of money in Europe. When a \$25,000 excess profits tax exemption was at stake, he supported it enthusiastically, but with similar vigor opposed a proposal to raise individual income tax exemptions to \$600.

Senator Capehart, by and large, is averse to too much U. S. participation in world affairs. He was lukewarm in his support of the UN Charter, urging that ratification be withheld. (He later voted for it.) He did not approve of adherence to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and urged to postpone action on the Bretton Woods proposals. (He later voted for them, too.) After trying to cut the heart out of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, he voted to extend it in 1945 but opposed it in 1949. When the Marshall Plan was up for consideration, he gloomily observed that "every international scheme we have entered into during the past 30 years has been an outright failure" and introduced a substitute measure which, Senator Vandenberg said, was so different that his Committee couldn't even consider it. On the Marshall Plan, again, he voted for every crippling amendment in the book, including the very statesmanlike suggestion that 600 million of the appropriation be used to increase old-age pensions in this country. In 1949 he disapproved of an extension of the Marshall Plan, but approved of an amendment barring use of funds in any country which nationalized basic industries. A bitter opponent of Secretary of State Acheson, he voted against his confirmation, has repeatedly called for his resignation, and has referred to him as "this Wall Streeter who is a partner to loans to Communist-dominated countries, to Arabian oil interests, and to other international money-making enterprises."

Such, in barest outline is the record of the man who has represented this State for more than five years and is ambitious to continue doing so another six. In 1944 he was elected on the basis of promises. In 1950 he must be judged by his performance.

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By ELMER WARD

(Editor's Note: Organizations like the American Guard appear to be springing up throughout the country. "The Nation" of June 10, 1950 carried an article by Carey McWilliams on The Wage Earners' Committee, an American Guard-like group now in existence in Florida, California, Minnesota and other states. Mr. McWilliams thinks that "the aggressive negativism of the Wage Earners' Committee naturally appeals to the elements resentful about their economic position, since it expresses their feeling of political frustration. This resentment is focused on liberal progressive candidates because, one suspects, they are safe targets.")

Indiana now sports a new addition to its political organizational set-up. It is the American Guard, a group that has been organized in Anderson and Madison County on a strictly political basis. Its objectives are to fight Communism, Socialism and all the "isms" which would "deprive the individual of his rights and liberties," to fight any Federal controls over business, to prevent centralization of government, for reduction of taxes, reduction of the national debt and the elimination of government competition with private business in all things except the Post Office and Military matters.

In order to place the objectives of this organization in their proper perspective, it is interesting to examine the background of the organizing group and leaders. Charles Harbaugh, Executive Vice - President of the Guard, was formerly the manager of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce. He is a bitter opponent of FEPC. In a radio broadcast on April 12, 1950, Harbaugh also accused the Veterans' Administration of faking the NSLI dividend in order to buy the veterans'

vote. He contends that the NSLI premiums are far too low to cover the insurance, that the American economy would have been better served if the G. I. insurance had been bought from a private company and that the NSLI dividends were being paid out of general revenue tax funds.

Dr. James Doenges, a member of the board and a heavy financial backer of the Guard, is an executive in the Madison County Medical Society. He vigorously opposes all welfare state measures, especially national health insurance. On several occasions, he has also charged that no money has ever been placed into the Social Security funds charging it is being used in the general revenue fund. (These charges have been refuted by as conservative a publication as the Wall Street Journal.)

Edwin C. Fettig, Madison County Chairman of the American Guard, is a vigorous supporter of the Taft-Hartley Law, and owns and operates a non-union canning factory in Elwood, Indiana.

The American Guard has sponsored speeches by Dr. Vincent Peale, nominal head of the Committee for Constitutional Government (an organization with reported Fascist leanings) and Carl Byoir, public relations man in New York for the Nazi German Travel Bureau. On March 4, 1950, in a speech in Anderson sponsored by the American Guard, Byoir said the United Nations was merely the tool of Russia and used as a delaying force to keep America unarmed and unprepared until Russia was ready to take over America. According to Byoir, the Truman Fair Deal program is part of Russia's plan to conquer America.

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ently been well financed since its inception. It has rented a two-story house as headquarters, employs a complete staff and has started a well rounded propaganda campaign. The Guard has two weekly paid radio broadcasts in Anderson and has published and mailed four pamphlets to every householder in Madison County. It has been reported that the annual budget for 1950 is about \$100,000, but this report could not be substantiated. Delco Sparks, CIO-UAW local union newspaper at Delco-Remy, reports that many of the Guard's contributions come by way of "suggestions" from the management of the Delco-Remy and Guide Lamp plants, two divisions of the General Motors Corporation, to Guard supervising personnel. It has also been reported that large contributions are received from a huge Detroit industrial establishment.

In March, 1950, the American Guard claimed a membership of 4,000 members. It is trying to organize its membership on a national, state, congressional district, county, city, township and precinct basis. It is attempting to parallel the political organizations of the two major parties in order to pressure for the support of its program.

The liberal organizations in Anderson are highly suspicious of the American Guard and its motives. In talking among labor leaders, Democratic politicians and AVC members, descriptions like fascist, big-business, reactionary, etc. are usually applied to the Guard. To support these descriptions with specific facts is obviously difficult in the movements employed to date, inasmuch as the organization is still in its formative stages but it will be interesting to watch the American Guard and expose it whenever necessary is the current position of its opponents.

Elmer Ward is State Treasurer of AVC and is former chairman of the chapter located at Indiana University, where he graduated in 1949. Ward now resides in Anderson, Indiana, and served in the South Pacific during World War II as a member of a Naval Construction Battalion.

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By S. J. RAMSEY

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Aside from the teaching profession, medicine, dentistry, the ministry, law and clerical positions in government employ, there is little opportunity for the trained Negro. In this last category we find the gamut of trained persons. The medical student thwarted in his senior year, the lawyer who did not quite pass the bar, the minister without a supporting charge, the accountant, the architect, engineer, business major, etc.

Political appointments, and civil service jobs in federal agencies fill in a gap between the prepared and the unprepared. The word prepared is used loosely to cover those who went through college in the hope "that their chance would come." Armed with degrees in everything from agriculture to zoology, those who could not get into the public school system turned to the post office, sorting, delivering mail or driving trucks. Through the efforts of a strong union there has been a bit of up-grading in the local office with an appointment of a Negro as weigh-master. The foremanships, the window clerks, the positions of responsibility even here are primarily white men's jobs.

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The building trades almost categorically exclude Negroes. In this day of union labor, only hod-carriers, cement finishers and laborers unions generally accept Negroes. The crafts and trades prefer to remain lily white in the face of a dearth of apprentices.

Like Marie Antoinette, the bigots of our day, want to know why they don't eat cake. Why is it that the great Negro market can't be self sustaining? Within the race's business enterprises there are opportunities for all sorts of trained people. Where these enterprises don't exist, create them. Let Negro journalist work for Negro publications. Negro clerks can man Negro department stores. Negro craftsmen can find plenty "scab labor." Managing our democratic government is of course, a white man's job. If Negroes want to be machinists, engineers or skilled technicians let them establish their own plants, create their own transportation systems.

This argument might seem plausible, if the American melting pot had not smeltered all persons into a more or less perfect union, established a common set of laws, a single schedule of taxation, with a single definition of citizenship. "All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States and of the State where in they reside."

Negroes are citizens with certain inalienable rights among which are life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness—the right to work, associate or reside in a democratic community according to his ability and desires.

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S. J. Ramsey is an AVC member who served in the Navy and who is currently employed in a community relations capacity.

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By IRWIN KATZ

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles devoted to the inequities of the current Gross Income Tax and information as to why a Net Income Tax should be adopted as a means of producing revenue for the state.)

Under the Indiana State Gross Income Tax Law, one of the groups that is hardest hit is the workingman. Indiana is the only state in the nation in which a workingman earning \$2,000 per year with a family consisting of a wife and two children has to pay an income tax of any sort. In the other states, a workingman in the situation outlined above would only be liable for income taxes if he earned in excess of \$3,000 per year.

The inequitable situation of a workingman with such a small income paying an income tax arises from the fact that the Gross Income Tax Law provides a flat exemption of \$1,000 regardless of the personal or marital status of the individual taxpayer. In other states the pattern established by the Federal Income Tax Law is followed in that there is a personal exemption for the individual and additional exemptions for each dependent.

It should be quite obvious to any discerning person familiar with present living conditions that a man earning \$2,000 per year with a family of four to support cannot afford to pay any income tax. The tax is small, only \$10 in this situation, but it may represent the turning point in the decision as to whether or not to buy one of the children a new pair of shoes.

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income was about \$2,300. This latter figure is arrived at by assuming a \$500 deduction for each dependent and allowing a minimum ten percent for expenses. Most states also use a graduated tax so that a higher percentage of tax is paid on higher incomes than on smaller incomes.

This follows the basic philosophy of American taxation — Taxation based on ability to pay. Our State Gross Income Tax Law is completely contrary to this American philosophy.

One state has a net income tax law under which the taxpayer pays a percentage of the amount paid to the Federal government under the Federal Income Tax Law. This law is easily administered and while it continues the inequities of the Federal statute, it is a vast improvement over the Gross Income Tax.

The arguments advanced against changing the existing law is that the workingman would probably suffer a worse fate under some other law. Thus it is frequently said that the Gross Income Law is better than a General Sales Tax which is usually assumed to be the alternative to the Gross Income Tax.

We reject the assumption and the conclusion, although we might agree that a gross income tax is an improvement on the general sales tax. Once there is sufficient pressure generated to change the Gross Income Tax Law, there is no set rule that a General Sales Tax must follow. It is a smokescreen set up by those groups who like the extra burden that the Gross Income Tax places on the workingman.

In the first article in this series, we pointed out the logical alternative which is the net income tax which attempts to take into account individual differences and adjust the tax accordingly. It is also based on sound American tax philosophy, basing taxation on the ability of the individual to pay.

Another argument that has recently been advanced against changing the Gross Income Tax Law is that it is now tied to the payment of the Bonus. While I do not agree with the principle of the bonus, now that it is an

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obligation of the state, I feel that it must be paid. However, it is just as easy to tie the payment of the Bonus to the Net Income Tax as to the present Gross Income Tax.

It is no coincidence that the newspapers who have been speaking against high taxation have kept so quiet about the gross income tax. The anti-labor publications, usually so vociferous in their opposition to the inequities that they see in the tax structure seems to be well pleased with the Gross Income Tax.

Despite this silence by the means of information, during the month of January every other year at State Assembly time there is much grumbling against the gross income tax—especially by the workingman. This undercurrent of dissatisfaction with the existing tax structure must become vocal through representative labor groups in speaking out against the Gross Income Tax in favor of a net income tax.

(Next issue: What does a Net Income Tax mean to the Business man?)

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foe of the Fair Deal program, it remains to be seen whether—on the record—he can win the approval of a majority of his fellow-Hoosiers.

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BOOK REVIEW—'Angel With A Sword' By Professor John R. Shannon

No third-party candidate for President in the history of the United States has been the subject of so many biographies as Eugene V. Debs. Three biographies of the former Socialist leader have been published in the past three years. **The Bending Cross**, by Ray Ginger of the economics department of Western Reserve University, is clearly the best of the more than half a dozen biographies of the former Hoosier labor leader.

It is the first, in fact, which has gone to original sources, treated data comprehensively, set them in their contemporaneous political scene, and reported the result without a propaganda motive. Ginger has done so well that there seems but little justification for its ever being done again, and one historian already has abandoned his intention of becoming the biographer of Debs since seeing Ginger's masterpiece.

Ray Ginger spent most of three years digging into sources at Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Washington, New York, Cleveland, and anywhere else he could find documents to examine, scholars to consult, or acquaintances of Debs to interview. He organized his material logically and reported it readably. It could be alleged that he overdid the matter of readableness by placing all documentation in the appendix instead of in footnotes, by using such unauthenticated statements as "The wind billowed under Debs' nightshirt," and by emphasizing certain elements of the dramatic. But he did not depart from the standards of scholarship in doing this, as did Irving Stone in **Adversary in the House**, a "biographical novel" which is more "novel" than "biographical."

In common with earlier biographers of the ex-Indiana legislator and Terre Haute city clerk, Mr. Ginger describes Debs as a promising young Democrat politician, a labor leader, a Socialist, and an anti-war propagandist. But Ginger goes beyond these phases in the life of the radical orator to show how Debs gradually and slowly—even reluctantly—changed from positions of orthodoxy to positions of heresy. Ginger's main thesis is that Debs moved to the left only as he was pushed by circumstances, loyalty to friends, and devotion to principles.

Debs is not shown as the brains of labor organization and of the Socialist Party, but rather as the orator and the holy man for the underprivileged. He corresponded more in his time, perhaps, to Mahatma Gandhi than to any American leader since Tom Paine and Henry David Thoreau. Bob Ingersoll and Peter Altgeld, two of Debs' Illinois idols, approximated the Debs type in the generation of great Americans before the tall sycamore of Terre Haute reached his zenith. Ginger's estimate of Debs, and the picture he wished to present of him as a result of his research, was best expressed in the original title planned for his book: **Angel With a Sword**.

As could be expected in any biography, Ginger deals with the home life of Eugene Debs, tells why he was named Victor by his French father and admirer of the author of **Les Misérables**, how he was influenced by his parents, wife, and friends. But all men have parents and most of them have wives and friends. That is not what makes Eugene V. Debs interesting to healthy-minded adults. Any wholesome or unwholesome relations of a man with his wife can hardly justify becoming the central theme of a "biographical novel." Ginger keeps his feet on the ground and skips the intimacies of private life which might fascinate the morbid mind. That Ginger is interested in the human side of a great man, however, is evinced by his including in the biography—"word imperfect"—an account of a personal experience with Debs given in crude English but with pure sympathy by a carpenter and admirer, Esau R. Carnes.

A veteran who appreciates good literature, likes history, and thrills at exploits of true heroism, idealism, and devotion, will exult in **The Bending Cross**. One of the "Legionnaire type" who would indulge to the extent of a fair-minded appraisal of some other point of view, will broaden his horizon—and maybe his sympathy—by reading about the "angel with a sword."

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AN EDITORIAL: ENDS AND MEANS

That an event, a fact, or an idea can mean many different things to many different people is axiomatic. Nowhere has this been more apparent than in the area of "preserving democracy." Recently, the American Legion, an organization which has been devoted, for some time, to cornering the market on Americanism, passed a resolution looking to the immediate jailing of all communists and fellow travelers.

Here we have a tragic example of what a concept like democracy can mean or become to different people. To many of us, and perhaps to all AVC'ers—the basic pillars of the democratic way are the inalienable rights of free speech and free press, of religion and the orderly processes of

law as a protection from arbitrary imprisonment. A firm belief in such principles in no way, of course, implies a reluctance to oppose communism or any other form of totalitarianism. The real conflict here goes to the means employed to combat these ideologies.

In considering these means we must ask two questions:

1. Why do we oppose these people or their ideologies?

2. How can we best achieve the desired results?

The answer to the first question will, again, depend on who is furnishing the answer. Some people are combatting communism because the



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communists propose an economic system which would wipe out private profits; others oppose it on grounds of religion. Still others are interested in the "scare value" of communism for the purpose of smearing all liberals, socialists and non-conformists.

To those of us in the "vital center," communism is an ideology to be opposed not on mere grounds of economics but, more important, on grounds that whenever the communists get into power the basic democratic freedoms disappear. In effect, it is the **Means** used by the communists which makes impossible the achievement of noble ends. When an active opposition is not tolerated and those indiscreet enough to insist on exercising the expression of opposition are quickly silenced, democracy and freedom die.

Yes, it is out of a hatred for police state methods and tyranny of corrupt power that most of us take our stand in opposition to communism. Few men are willing to die for an economic system, but through the ages men have given their lives on behalf of freedom. The Four Freedoms and not "Private Enterprise" was the rallying cry of our fight in World War II.

Once we decide that freedom and civil rights are the keys to our opposition to communism, the answer to our second question takes shape in nega-

tive if not positive form. It becomes apparent that we cannot best achieve the ends of protecting a system based on freedom and democratic rights by destroying the very principles that give meaning to the fight against totalitarianism.

Yet the American Legion would jail people—not for committing any overt acts, not for committing any crimes (it is still legal if not healthy, to belong to the Communist Party), not for breaking a single law, but purely on a basis of imposing a tyrannical guilt by association. Out of a fear of a police state ideology, they would create a police state at home.

It should be noted that the Legion goes even further than merely wanting to jail all communists. Fellow travelers are likewise to be jailed. How to determine the impossibly complex question of deciding who is a fellow traveler? Let's not split hairs, my friend; to jail you go.

The further we go down the road of hysteria, the more it becomes clear that the greatest danger we face in America is the danger from those who create an America in the image of the totalitarian ideologies they claim they oppose.

It is against the tragedy of tyrannical means that our voices must be raised. Our vigilance in this respect will go far in determining whether the **ends** of freedom and the democratic way shall survive to give light to man's long march through the night.

Our Next Issue . . .

We hope to make the next issue of the "Indiana Veteran" the best yet. There will be an article on the world situation by Rev. Robert Gemmer, young minister of the Disciples of Christ Church who has traveled extensively through Europe, both in the west and behind the Iron Curtain. Dr. Charles Price of Notre Dame, unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic Senatorial nomination will write on his campaign. Irwin Katz, AVC State Chairman, will complete his series on the campaign of AVC to replace the Indiana Gross Income Tax with a net Income Tax, and Jack Hayes will present a four-act play complete on one page. Quite an accomplishment.

There will be the usual AVC Potpourri and many other interesting features. We would appreciate any comments that you have about the magazine, either pro and con. If you differ with the writers of any of the articles, let us know and we will be glad to print your point of view. If you have any suggestions for articles or subjects that you would like to have written about, let us know, won't you.

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The Indiana 'Soak The Poor' Tax

By IRWIN KATZ

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles devoted to the inequities of the Indiana Gross Income Tax Law and information as to why a Net Income Tax should be adopted as a means of producing revenue for the State.)

The group that suffers the greatest inequities under the Indiana State Gross Income Tax Law is the small businessman. The corner grocery store, the neighborhood drug store, the local gasoline station—all small business operators pay a Gross Income Tax far out of proportion to their annual net income. Let us cite an example:

The neighborhood druggist earns about \$5,000 per year after all expenses are deducted. He has a gross income of about \$50,000 on which he realizes a gross profit of between \$15,000 and \$20,000. After deduction of his overhead expenses such as rent, lights, heat, etc., his net income for the year amounts to about \$5,000. Based on these figures, the neighborhood druggist will pay a Gross Income Tax of \$250 plus a bonus tax of \$62.50 or a total tax of \$312.50.

If this same individual had been employed by a large drug house like Eli Lilly & Co. and earned \$5,000 per year, his gross income tax would amount to \$50 plus a bonus tax of \$12.50 or a total of \$62.50. It is obvious that from a gross income tax

point of view that this taxpayer is being penalized to the tune of \$250 merely because he has the necessary initiative and determination to operate a business of his own.

It should also be noted here that if the neighborhood druggist suffered a net loss because of poor judgment or any other bad luck or decision that he would pay the same amount of tax. By this means the Gross Income Tax has served as a deterrent to ambitious young men who desire to exercise their freedom of enterprise by operating their own business.

Let us look at how Big Business fares under the Gross Income Tax Law. Again, let us cite an example:

The total 1949 sales of the Studebaker Corporation located in South Bend, Indiana, amounted to \$473 million. Of this amount all sales made to customers outside of Indiana were exempt from taxation under the provisions of the Gross Income Tax Law and under decisions of the United States Supreme Court which forbid taxation on sales in interstate commerce. In the case of Studebaker, the out of state sales amounted to at least 95 percent of their total sales in 1949 or approximately 450 million dollars. Thus, Studebaker only paid a Gross Income Tax on five percent of their sales although the small business man who sells all of his merchandise within the borders of the State of Indiana pays a Gross Income Tax on 100 percent of his sales.

Despite this obvious inequity, Maurice Early, daily first page columnist of the Indianapolis Star, has been weeping crocodile tears for the Studebaker Corporation because under the Governor's proposed privilege tax, Studebaker would be taxed on 100 percent of their sales. To answer the contention of Mr. Early that the proposed tax would place Studebaker in a bad competitive position, let us look at the facts. The average tax would be \$5.50 per vehicle which amounts to 3/10 of 1 percent of the total cost of the vehicle.

Under the present Gross Income Tax Law, Studebaker does not pay about \$1,200,000 because of the out of state provisions. This would have served to reduce their net profit from 27 to 26 million dollars. Actually, Studebaker pays only about 75 thousand dollars of gross income tax

on gross sales of 473,000,000 dollars and net profits of over 27 million dollars. This represents 1/100 or 1 percent of their sales or about 1/4 of 1 percent of their net profit.

Compare this with the neighborhood druggist mentioned earlier in the article who pays 1/2 of 1 percent of gross sales and five percent of his net profit in gross income taxes. Perhaps Mr. Early is weeping for the wrong party! (Please realize, however, that this article is in no way a plea for the "privilege tax." The advantages of a Net Income Tax over the Governor's proposed privilege tax will be discussed in the next article of this series.)

An examination of other large Indiana corporations will show that the experience of the Studebaker Corporation is the usual one. Eli Lilly & Co., RCA, Allison's, Arvin Industries (Noblitt - Sparks), Carnegie - Illinois Steel, General Electric, Servel and other large Indiana industries all ship over 95 percent of their sales outside of the state getting the same tax advantage as shown by the Studebaker example above.

In other words, on all of these shipments no Gross Income Tax is paid. Naturally, somebody has to pay this and it falls to the lot of the small businessman, and the wage earner to absorb in their taxes the Gross Income Taxes that are not being paid by the large corporations.

The answer to these tax inequities is the repeal of the Gross Income Tax in favor of a Net Income Tax. The Net Income Tax would not only compensate for the inequities cited in this and previous articles, but it would make necessary adjustments for individual hardship and probably serve to increase the revenue by having the largest corporations in the state pay their fair proportion of Income Taxes—something that they have not done for years.

The State Legislature has an obligation to all of the citizens, not just a chosen few. They can best serve all of the people of Indiana by passing an equitable tax law based on Net Income and repealing the Gross Income Tax Law that does not recognize the realities of competitive business.

(NEXT ISSUE: THE ADVANTAGES OF A NET INCOME TAX LAW OVER OTHER FORMS OF TAXATION SUCH AS THE PRIVILEGE TAX.)

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(In keeping with the policy of the "Indiana Veteran" of presenting the unorthodox point of view, the following article is being published. The author, a non-Communist, must remain anonymous because the current hysteria would probably jeopardize his present position. THE EDITORS.)

American forces fighting in Korea are supposed to be doing battle as a "police action" to restore law and order. However, I doubt that anyone reading this will deny that America's real intention is to use Korea as the symbol of where force finally came to grips with the challenge of Communism.

If such is the case, I find myself asking, "If and when we defeat the North Koreans, what then?" It is not premature to ask such a question. Nor is it unimportant. For if our soldiers are to be sent out to die, they are entitled to be fighting for something more than the right to keep the status quo. I believe our only hope for peace calls for a complete reversal of our attitude and to use the war as the impetus to install more democratic regimes in all places where we have become involved . . . including Korea.

To date, our policy has been one of expediency in which we lacked the courage . . . and perhaps even the conviction . . . to let democratic movements flourish because they were too far to the Left by our standards. Instead, time and time again we have turned to the Right for our friends in the struggle against Communism. We have turned to kings, dictators, and propertied barons. Such an attitude is completely foreign to our make-up. And the tragic thing is that such an attitude is rapidly losing us the friendship of the nations of the world, and will ultimately lead to our destruction. Furthermore, I firmly believe this policy of ours . . . and not Russia . . . is mainly responsible for the specific situation now existing in Korea.

In saying that, I in no way am seeking to absolve Russia. I am fully aware of the ruthless methods she has

used to get power, and the totalitarian ways she has maintained it. However, I believe America has played into Soviet hands everywhere by consistently supporting elements that are despotic, un-democratic and which in no way have acted to alleviate the suffering and poverty of the people.

An analysis of the Korean situation tells us the Communist attack across the 38th Parallel was hardly a surprise. Both sides were well aware that such a conflict would ultimately come and were itching for it. It is a matter of record that the North Korean Border Incident Investigation Commission early this year reported South Korean Army and youth corp units raided the north 1,863 times between January 21 and December 15, 1949, and that the South Koreans reported a similar number of raids as coming from the north.

Furthermore, Syngman Rhee had frequently advocated a policy which called for invasion of North Korea and on October 31, 1949, Defense Minister Sihm Sung Mo was quoted in the Tokyo press as saying "If we had our way, we would, I'm sure, have started an invasion already. But we had to wait until they (U. S. advisers) were ready. They kept telling us No, no, no. Wait. You are not ready."

It therefore seems unrealistic . . . or dishonest . . . or both to hold the South Koreans blameless for any warlike fervor that concerned crossing the 38th Parallel.

It is equally interesting to learn just how forces representing 10,000,000 North Koreans were able to sweep with such ease across a rugged, mountainous region supposedly defended and loved by twice as many South Koreans. To find the answers we must

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dig much deeper than the daily military communiques, that state the Koreans were not adequately armed and in doing so we uncover the whole fabric of the American policy of backing dictatorships in order to defeat Communism, and how wrong such policies are.

Syngman Rhee has never been envisioned as a leader of the liberal element. As early as 1945, our G-2 forces described him as a "Rightist," and correspondents have frequently said he surpassed Chiang Kai Chek as a despot. A White Paper on Korea published in 1946 was full of laments as to our policy of turning more and more to the Right, and a poll conducted by the American Military Government in 1946 showed that 50 percent of the people preferred to be under Jap rule than under the so-called American brand of democracy that was unfolding in which the wealthy few were continuing to dominate and subdue the poverty-ridden many.

American officials sided with the police and the ruling factions when a general strike was called in 1946, later assisting in the smashing of Leftist unions and permitting terrorism by the police. Syngman Rhee rose to power in such an atmosphere in an election that was boycotted by the Left, Center and part of the Right. Once again, the American government unfolded the familiar policy of support for the power-laden despots to fight Communism rather than follow a more tenuous, but more imaginative and dynamic policy calling for basic . . . almost revolutionary . . . reforms which would bring hope to the people.

As Rhee gathered power and influence with America, his totalitarian tactics drove his opposition underground. Kim Koo, President of the Korean Government in exile during World War II in Chungking, who, like Rhee, was listed as a Rightist, was nevertheless assassinated because he advocated unification with the North Koreans. A total of 13 members of the Rhee Assembly were imprisoned for

similar views, and the American educated Christian, Kim Kiu Sic, was forced to retire from politics, at which time he made a final statement denouncing the United States.

Almost all other leaders of the Right, Center and non-Communist Left were driven straight into the Communist camp. When the People's Republic was formed at Pyongyang, numerous persons formerly listed by our G-2 as "Rightists" or "Centrists" were on hand to join in a coalition with the Communists and were given Cabinet posts because of the substantial segment they represented.

We cannot blame the Communists for that debacle in which people who might have been our friends became our foes. Nor can we blame Syngman Rhee. The blame falls directly on our shoulders, and the U. S. thus finds itself supporting a government the people are more willing to fight against than for.

What has happened in Korea is happening . . . or will happen . . . in all countries where the United

States has backed reaction in attempting to stop Communism. I refer specifically to Greece, Turkey, China, Indonesia, Spain . . . every place in which the people are being denied economic and political democracy.

Friends of mine readily agree that all these things have happened in all these countries. Yet they say in effect, "Sure. We made mistakes. But it's too late to worry about that now. We must stop Communism before it goes any further."

I say the only justification we have for going any further is that we be willing to resolve that victory in Korea will become the symbol of a new United States policy everywhere. We must carry forward gigantic economic and social changes that call for bread and not bullets . . . land and not guns . . . freedom and not dictators . . . and Russia be damned.

Our only chance of survival is to inspire the people of the world with hope and the desire to fight for our policies . . . and not against them. This is not true at the moment.

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